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Giuliani subpoenaed as impeachment inquiry accelerates

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WASHINGTON (AP) — At one end of Pennsylvania Avenue, the president raged about treason. At the other, the methodical march toward impeachment proceeded apace. Democrats on Monday subpoenaed Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal lawyer who was at the heart of Trump's efforts to get Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden's family. That was after one of Trump's staunchest defenders, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, said he would have "no choice" but to consider articles of impeachment if the House approved them. With Congress out of session for observance of the Jewish holidays, Democrats moved aggressively against Giuliani, requesting by Oct. 15 "text messages, phone records and other communications" that they referred to as possible evidence. They also requested documents and depositions from three of his business associates.



In this Aug. 1, 2018 file photo, Rudy Giuliani, attorney for President Donald Trump, addresses a gathering during a campaign event in Portsmouth, N.H.

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Meanwhile, the circle of officials with knowledge of Trump's phone call to Ukraine's president widened with the revelation that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo listened in on the July 25 conversation.

Pompeo's presence on the Ukraine call, confirmed by two officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss an internal matter, provided the first confirmation that a Cabinet official heard Trump press President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to investigate Hunter Biden's membership on the board of a Ukrainian gas company. It is that call, and the circumstances surrounding it, that are fueling the new Democratic drive for impeachment.

McConnell, a steadfast Trump defender, nonetheless swatted down talk that that the GOP-controlled Senate could dodge the matter of impeachment if the House approved charges against Trump.

"It's a Senate rule related to impeachment, it would take 67 votes to change, so I would have no choice but to take it up," McConnell said on CNBC. "How long you're on it is a whole



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. attends a news conference with members of the Senate Republican Leadership, Tuesday Sept. 24, 2019, after their policy luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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different matter." Trump took to Twitter to defend anew his phone call with Zelenskyy as "perfect" and to unleash a series of attacks, most strikingly against House intelligence committee Chairman Adam Schiff. The Democrat, he suggested, ought to be tried for a capital offense for launching into a paraphrase of Trump during a congressional hearing last week.

"Rep. Adam Schiff illegally made up a FAKE & terrible statement, pretended it to be mine as the most important part of my call to the Ukrainian President, and read it aloud to Congress and the American people," the president wrote. "It bore NO relationship to what I said on the call. Arrest for Treason?"

Trump tweeted repeatedly through the day but was, for the most part, a lonely voice as the White House lacked an organization or process to defend him. Senior staffers, including acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and White House counsel Pat Cipollone, were to present Trump this week with options on setting up the West Wing's response to impeachment, officials said.

A formal war room was unlikely, though some sort of rapid response team was planned to supplement the efforts of Trump and Giuliani. But Trump was angry over the weekend at both Mulvaney and press secretary Stephanie Grisham for not being able to change the narrative dominating the story, according to two Republicans close to the White House not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Democrats have orders from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to keep momentum going despite a two-week recess that started Friday. Staff for three committees are scheduled on

Wednesday and Thursday to depose Marie "Masha" Yovanovitch, the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine who was removed by the Trump administration earlier this year, and Kurt Volker, who resigned last week as America's Ukrainian envoy. Members of intelligence committee on Friday will interview Michael Atkinson, the inspector general for the intelligence community who first received the whistleblower's complaint. Democrats are driving the proceedings toward what some hope is a vote to impeach, or indict, Trump by year's end. They have launched a coordinated messaging and polling strategy aimed at keeping any political backlash in closely divided districts from toppling their House majority.

Meanwhile, an outside group that supports GOP House candidates was starting anti-impeachment digital ads on Monday against three House Democrats from districts Trump won in 2016. The ads by the Congressional Leadership Fund accuse Reps. Matt Cartwright of Pennsylvania, Elaine Luria of Virginia and Elissa Slotkin of Michigan of "tearing us apart," and are among the first in which Republicans are trying to use the impeachment issue against Democratic candidates.

However, support across America for impeachment has grown significantly from its level before the House launched its formal inquiry last week.

A new poll from Quinnipiac University shows 47% of registered voters say Trump should be impeached and removed from office, while 47% say he should not. Just a week before, it was 37% for impeachment and 57 percent against. That was before the White House released its rough version of the call between Trump and Ukraine's president and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's announcement of a formal impeachment inquiry.

In the CNN poll, 47% said Trump should be impeached and removed from office, up from 41% in May. Both polls showed dramatic partisan polarization

remains on impeachment: most Democrats expressing support, the vast majority of Republicans opposed. The polls disagreed over whose opinions are changing — Quinnipiac showing increased impeachment support coming more from Democrats, CNN from Republicans.

Schiff said on Sunday that his intelligence panel would hear from the still-secret whistleblower "very soon" but that no date had been set and other details remained to be worked out.

A day after Trump demanded to meet the whistleblower, whom he has repeatedly assailed, he said when asked about the person: "Well, we're trying to find out about a whistleblower," who made his perfect call "sound terrible."

The whistleblower's attorney, Andrew Bakaj, said Monday that the person "is entitled to anonymity. Law and policy support this, and the individual is not to be retaliated against. Doing so is a violation of federal law."

Separately, the Justice Department disclosed that Trump recently asked Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and other foreign leaders to help Attorney General William Barr with an investigation of the origins of the Russia investigation that has shadowed his administration for more than two years.

Justice spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said Trump made the calls at Barr's request.

Trump was requesting help for U.S. Attorney John Durham's investigation into the origins of special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election. The investigation outraged Trump, who cast it as a politically motivated "witch hunt."

The Russia probe remains Trump's motivating factor, according to Tom Bossert, the president's former homeland security adviser. "I honestly believe this president has not gotten his pound of flesh yet from past grievances on the 2016 investigation," Bossert said Sunday on ABC. "If he continues to focus on that white whale, it's going to bring him down." □

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Wintry blast closes schools, plunges temperatures in Rockies

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Some schools in Montana took their earliest snow day in memory Monday after a blizzard dumped several feet of snow, while plunging temperatures threatened crops across other parts of the Rocky Mountains in an unusually early blast of wintry weather.

Freeze warnings were in effect in parts of Utah and Idaho, and temperatures were expected to drop into the teens and 20s in those states and Montana overnight and Tuesday morning. The cold set in with the lingering fall storm system that dumped snow for three days across much of central and western Montana, including over 4 feet (1 meter) on the Blackfeet Reservation and Glacier National Park.

While parts of the Rockies were dealing with frigid temperatures and unusually early snow, warnings of extreme wildfire danger emerged in eastern Utah and much of Colorado, where temperatures as high as the mid-80s (30 degrees Celsius), gusty winds and dry air were expected to create critical conditions.

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock has declared an emergency after the storm brought heavy, wet snow and high winds that closed roads, downed trees and caused scattered power outages. The declaration allows the state to mobilize resources to help areas that were hit.

The snow and treacherous roads led to school closures Monday in Montana towns near the Rocky Mountains that received the most

snow. School superintendents in some of those communities said they couldn't remember the last time they had to cancel school this early because of snow.

"This is the first time in 23 years for sure," said Les Meyer, superintendent in the town of Fairfield. "I am sure we could have held school, but the way this storm hit and the lack of preparation for winter with all of us, it just made it a better situation for the students, parents and staff to close for the day."

Augusta Superintendent Matt Genger said schools closed down Monday because of the road conditions.

"I think our furthest student is 30 miles away," he said. Snow drifts shut down the U.S.-Canada border crossing at U.S. Highway 89, where state transportation officials also reported that 200 head of cattle were on the roadway. A crash slowed traffic on Interstate 15 and several surrounding state highways were closed because of the snow.

The National Weather Service issued both freeze warnings and extreme wildfire danger warnings in Utah. The hard-freeze warnings in the western part of the state are expected to last until Tuesday, meaning outdoor plumbing and crops that have no protection could sustain significant damage.

The fire warning is in the eastern part of the state near Moab through Monday evening.

Like the Rockies, Nevada saw wintry weather this weekend. □



Garden City Harvest grower Brihannala Morgan gazes over her five-row plot after harvesting the last of what she could from the plants in snow that hit Missoula, Mont., Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019.

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Collins resigns from Congress ahead of expected guilty plea

By TOM HAYS

NEW YORK (AP) — Rep. Chris Collins, a Republican from western New York, submitted his resignation from Congress on Monday ahead of an expected guilty plea in an insider trading case in which he was accused of leaking confidential information during an urgent phone call made from a White House picnic.

Collins' resignation will take effect when Congress meets in a brief session on Tuesday, according to a spokesman for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

A federal judge in Manhattan scheduled a hearing for Collins to enter a guilty plea to unspecified charges in the case Tuesday afternoon. A similar hearing has been scheduled Thursday for the congressman's son, Cameron Collins.

Collins' congressional office declined to comment on



In this Sept. 12, 2019 file photo, U.S. Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., speaks to reporters as he leaves the courthouse after a pretrial hearing in his insider-trading case, in New York.

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Monday. His attorney didn't immediately respond to a message. The U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan also declined to comment. Collins, who was among the first members of Congress to support President Donald Trump's run for the White House, had been scheduled to go to

trial next year on charges of conspiracy, securities fraud, wire fraud and making false statements to the FBI. Prosecutors accused him of sharing non-public information from a biopharmaceutical company with his son, allowing Cameron Collins and another man to avoid nearly \$800,000 in

stock losses.

The case, filed in August of 2018, initially caused the 69-year-old Collins to drop a reelection bid, though he denied any wrongdoing and called the charges "meritless."

But he restarted his campaign a month later as Republican leaders were deliberating who would replace him on the ballot. At the time he said the "stakes are too high to allow the radical left to take control of this seat in Congress."

The charges turned Collins' expected easy reelection in a strongly Republican district into a close race, but he managed to fend off Democratic challenger Nate McMurray by a thin margin.

With his departure from Congress, it would be up to Gov. Andrew Cuomo to set a special election to fill the seat, which leans Republi-

can.

The charges stem from Collins' business ties with Innate Immunotherapeutics Ltd., a biotechnology company headquartered in Sydney, Australia. He was the company's largest shareholder, with nearly 17% of its shares, and sat on its board.

According to the indictment, Collins was attending the Congressional Picnic at the White House on June 22, 2017, when he received an email from the company's chief executive saying that a trial of a drug the company developed to treat multiple sclerosis was a clinical failure.

Collins responded to the email saying: "Wow. Makes no sense. How are these results even possible???" the indictment said.

It said he then called his son, Cameron Collins, and, after several missed calls, they spoke for more than six minutes. □

Ethics panel reviews claims against Tlaib, 2 Republicans



Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., questions CDC Principal Deputy Secretary Dr. Anne Schuchat as she speaks before a House Oversight subcommittee hearing on lung disease and e-cigarettes on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019.

Associated Press

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

The House Ethics Committee said Monday it is

reviewing allegations of wrongdoing against Michigan Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Bill Huizenga and Flori-

da Rep. Ross Spano. The committee did not reveal the nature of the complaints, but the offices of the three lawmakers said they are related to campaign spending and not the members' official congressional duties.

Tlaib is a high-profile freshman Democrat from Detroit, while Huizenga, a Republican, is in his fifth term representing west-central Michigan.

Spano, a Republican, is a freshman from central Florida.

All three lawmakers denied wrongdoing, saying in separate statements that they were cooperating with investigators.

The complaint against Tlaib focused on her deci-

sion to pay herself \$4,000 a month in salary from her 2018 campaign account, an action that conservative groups called improper.

A spokesman for Tlaib called the complaint politically motivated. Tlaib, part of the "squad" of freshman women of color in the House, is an outspoken critic of President Donald Trump and has been the focus of repeated attacks from Trump and other Republicans.

"Representative Tlaib fully complied with the law and acted in good faith at all times," said Denzel McCampbell, a spokesman for Tlaib. Brian Patrick, a spokesman for Huizenga, called the complaint

against the congressman "partisan and politically motivated" and said it has been resolved by the Federal Election Commission.

The FEC complaint alleged that Huizenga had misused his campaign account for personal use and had failed to properly itemize expenses. He denied wrongdoing.

Spano, in a statement released by his office, said the ethics panel was reviewing self-reported filings with the FEC. Published reports indicate that Spano borrowed more than \$100,000 from two friends and then loaned it to his campaign. He has since repaid the loans, with the proceeds of a bank loan to himself. □

U.S. citizen accused of spying on behalf of Chinese government

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California tour operator charged by U.S. officials with illegally ferrying information to China was a quiet and friendly man with a taste for luxury cars, a neighbor said.

Xuehua Edward Peng, 56, of Hayward was charged in documents unsealed Monday with being an illegal foreign agent and delivering classified U.S. national security information to officials in China, U.S. Attorney David L. Anderson said in San Francisco.

Anderson accused Peng, whom he described as a tour operator for Chinese students and visitors, of a "combination of age-old spycraft and modern technology."

"The charges announced today provide a rare glimpse into the secret efforts of the People's Republic of China to obtain classified national security information from the United States," Anderson said.

Danilo Serrano said Peng moved in across the street from him about five years ago and kept a Lexus and Porsche parked outside. About a year ago, he bought "an expensive Tesla SUV, the nice one where the doors go up," Serrano said.

Serrano recalled thinking, "Man, he must have a lot of money."

The U.S. is engaged in a trade war with China. But John Bennett, the FBI agent in charge of San Francisco, said international politics had nothing to do with the arrest and charges against Peng.

"We have criminal spies that are running around in our area of responsibility and it's the FBI's mission to stop this, so what's going on in the rest of the world, it doesn't matter to us," he said.

FBI Director Christopher Wray has said China poses a more serious counter-intelligence threat to the United States than any other country, including Russia. In July, he testified before a Senate panel that the FBI had more than 1,000 investigations involving

economic espionage and attempted intellectual property theft, nearly all of which lead back to China.

The Justice Department has brought multiple cases in the past year involving Chinese espionage and has also brought charges against operatives working with the Ministry of State Security as law enforcement officials grapple with how to deal with an increasing threat of China trying to steal information from American companies.

Last October, prosecutors charged a Chinese spy with attempting to steal trade secrets from several American aviation and aerospace companies, the first time an MSS operative was extradited to the U.S.

Anderson did not say how long Peng had been operating as an unregistered spy for China's Ministry of State Security, only that the FBI employed a double agent in 2015 who conducted exchanges with Peng in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Columbus, Georgia.

Over six occasions between 2015 and 2018, Peng would secure a hotel room and leave up to \$20,000 there, authorities said in the criminal complaint. The double agent would then get a key to the room, take the cash and leave a digital card containing information, it said.

Peng would then take the card and travel to Beijing to meet Chinese intelligence officers, authorities said.

Authorities say the unnamed double agent went to the FBI in 2015 after China's intelligence department tried to recruit the person as a spy. The unnamed agent was told by Chinese intelligence officials at a meeting in 2015 that "Ed" was reliable and had family in China, according to the complaint.

The criminal complaint says Peng is a naturalized U.S. citizen who entered the country on a temporary business visitor visa and became a permanent resident in 2006. Peng was naturalized in September 2012. He holds an acupuncturist



U.S. attorney David Anderson announces criminal spy charges against a San Francisco Bay Area tour operator Xuehua Edward Peng Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, in San Francisco.

Associated Press

license from the state.

Peng was arrested at his home Friday and ordered held without bond at a hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero. He is scheduled to return to court Wednesday.

Qian Peng, the suspect's daughter, said she could not comment because she had not seen the charges. Serrano said he sometimes wondered what Peng did for a living but didn't inquire.

"He seemed to travel a lot," Serrano said, recalling he would sometimes see cars come to pick up Peng, who would get in with suitcases. Serrano and Peng chatted about domestic things, he said, with Peng admiring the fencing and succulents in front of Serrano's home. Peng installed a similar fence and planted succulents that Serrano gave him.

Serrano was shocked when told about the spy charges. "I can't believe Ed was a Chinese spy!" he said.

Court records indicate Peng will be represented by the federal public defender's office. The office did not respond to requests seeking comment.

Anderson did not elaborate on Peng's tour operations. Public records list Peng as president of U.S.

Tour and Travel in San Francisco, but no website for the company was found in an online search.

He could face up to 10

years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted of working as an unregistered agent of a foreign government. □

A 94-year-old WWII Veteran receives France's top honor

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — A 94-year-old World War II veteran from Indiana has received France's highest military honor for his wartime service.

France Consul General Guillaume Lacroix bestowed the Legion of Honor medal Sunday on Jimmie H. Royer. Napoleon Bonaparte established the honor in 1802.

Hundreds of people gathered at an American Legion post in Terre Haute to watch the award ceremony, the Tribune-Star reported.

Lacroix said he was excited to honor "a son of America's greatest generation."

"It is a generation that changed a lot of America for the better," Lacroix said. "But is also a generation that changed everything in Europe. Without the bravery, the dedication, without the courage and the

heroism and the sacrifice of Mr. Royer's generation, the French flag would be history." The Terre Haute man served as a gunner in the 106th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, taking part in campaigns in Rhineland, Germany, and Normandy, Northern France, in 1944. He was wounded on Oct. 27, 1944, on the Lorraine front and honorably discharged in August 1945. For 75 years, Royer said that he has cherished his memories of the French people and their gratitude after liberation.

"When we would go and liberate a town, the people would have a joy in their eyes and a happiness," he said. "They were so happy. When I went over there I wondered, 'What am I doing here?' I found out, but I remember the laughter and them passing the bottle around." □

AP-NORC poll: Most disapprove of Trump on race relations

By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS** and **DEEPTI HAJELA**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Large majorities of black and Latino Americans think Donald Trump's actions as president have made things worse for people like them, and about two-thirds of Americans overall disapprove of how he's handling race relations, according to a new poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

About half of all Americans think Trump's actions have been bad for African Americans, Muslims and women, and slightly more than half say they've been bad for Hispanics.

Trump's 33% approval rating on handling race relations makes that one of his worst issues in recent AP-NORC polls. That stands in stark contrast to his handling of the economy: About half say they approve of his handling of that issue, while views of current economic conditions continue to be rosy amid robust employment numbers and a strong stock market.

Four in 10 Americans said they approve of Trump overall, according to the poll, conducted before the release of a rough transcript of a phone call showing Trump prodded the president of Ukraine to investigate Democratic political rival Joe Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's announcement that she would launch a formal



In this Sept. 16, 2019, file photo, protesters demonstrate outside the Santa Ana Star Center during President Donald Trump's rally in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

impeachment inquiry.

The poll provides a bleak assessment of how the nation views Trump on race issues as he runs for a second term and repeatedly boasts of his popularity among African Americans and Latinos. Trump has consistently said his economic policies have been good for African Americans and other people of color.

But the poll shows few black Americans think that's true. Just 4% say they think Trump's actions have been good for African Americans in general, while 81% think he's made things worse. Similar shares of black Americans think Trump has been bad for Hispanics, Muslims and women.

"He speaks nothing but hate rhetoric," said Chris

Smith, 38, an African American information technology worker in Columbia, Tennessee, who considers himself independent but leans Democratic. "If the leader of this country is free to speak like that, there's going to be people who think it's OK to speak like that."

"He's making people live their life in fear," Smith said. Trump has drawn widespread condemnation for racist rhetoric throughout his presidency. He's warned of an "invasion" at the southern border, posted racist tweets about four women of color in Congress and attacked Democratic U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings' largely black district as a "rat and rodent infested mess." He's showered praise on Confederate Gen. Rob-

ert E. Lee, a slaveowner who fought to protect the institution of slavery during the U.S. Civil War, and said there were "very fine people on both sides" of clashes between white nationalists and counterprotesters. But he has claimed he doesn't have a "racist bone" in his body.

The poll comes weeks after a suspected gunman, who is white, apparently wrote an anti-Hispanic rant before opening fire in El Paso, Texas, with an AK-47-style rifle on Walmart shoppers, many of them Latino. Some blamed Trump's rhetoric for inciting the gunman.

Simon Wey, 54, a Nigerian immigrant who lives in Houston and is a registered Republican, said the president's rhetoric on migrants makes him feel uncomfortable.

"I think some of his immigration policies have been hurtful to countries with large minority populations," Wey said. "There's a lot of uncertainty now."

Sixty-nine percent of Latinos think Trump's actions have been bad for Hispanics generally, while 19% think they've been good. Majorities of Latinos also think Trump's actions have been bad for African Americans, Muslims and women.

"It's his attitude. He just has this real cocky way about him," said Rose Haway, a 62-year-old Hispanic woman who lives in Albuquer-

que, New Mexico. "It's what he says in his speeches and the way he's treated migrant children. I'm appalled."

Haway also pointed to the Republican president's rhetoric about his desire to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border as especially hurtful.

Among white Americans, about a third think Trump's actions have been good for black Americans, women and Hispanics, while about a quarter think they have been good for Muslims. Forty-seven percent think Trump's actions have been bad for Hispanics, 44% say they've been bad for Muslims and 39% say they've been bad for women and black Americans.

Shane Chessey, a white Republican from Pittsburgh, lauded Trump's performance on the economy and thinks critiques of the president as racist or sexist are overblown, even as he acknowledges the president's language sometimes comes across as "crass."

"I think he's trying to bring this country up together," said Chessey, 54. "Everybody has a fair opportunity to make it in this country."

Among Republicans, about 6 in 10 say they think Trump has been good for women, Latinos and black Americans. Fewer, 4 in 10, think his actions have been good for Muslims. No more than 2 in 10 Republicans think Trump's actions have been bad for any of the groups asked about in the poll.

The share of Republicans saying Trump's actions have been good for each group has increased since an AP-NORC poll conducted in February 2018. In that poll, about half said Trump's actions had been good for African Americans and women and about 4 in 10 said they'd been good for Latinos, while about 3 in 10 said they'd been good for Muslims.

Large majorities of Democrats think Trump's actions as president have been bad for black, Hispanic and Muslim Americans and for women. □

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For the 2nd time this year, NYPD gunfire kills 1 of its own

By MICHAEL R. SISAK

NEW YORK (AP) — For the second time this year, a New York City police officer has been killed by friendly fire.

Officer Brian Mulkeen was fatally struck by two police bullets while struggling with an armed man after chasing and shooting at him Sunday in the Bronx, Police commissioner James O'Neill said.

"This is an absolute tragedy," O'Neill said Monday, quickly turning the blame on the man Mulkeen was grappling with, who was also killed in the burst of gunfire.

"Make no mistake, we lost the life of a courageous public servant solely due to a violent criminal who put the lives of the police and all the people we serve in jeopardy," O'Neill said.

Investigators are still piecing together exactly what happened, but police officials described a chaotic confrontation in which six officers fired 15 shots in about 10 seconds.

Mulkeen, 33, was on patrol with a plainclothes anti-crime unit when he and his partners encountered Antonio Williams, 27, around 12:30 a.m. Sunday near a public housing complex, police said.

Williams, who was on probation following a drug arrest last year, ran away and officers chased after him. Mulkeen grabbed him and the two began wrestling. O'Neill said Mulkeen could be heard on body-worn camera footage saying, "He's reaching for it! He's reaching for it!"

Investigators had previously suggested that Williams had wrestled the officer's gun away as the pair struggled. But police said Monday that Mulkeen retained control of his gun and fired five shots after Williams reached toward his waistband, said Deputy Chief Kevin Maloney of the NYPD's Force Investigation Division.

Other officers fired a total of 10 shots.

A loaded .32-caliber revolver belonging to Williams was recovered at the scene, police said. It had not been fired. Police officials said they were still investigating whose shots killed Williams.

"Anybody who wants to play the 'blame the cops' game with this tragedy needs to swallow their rhetoric and look at the facts," said Patrick Lynch, president of Mulkeen's union, the Police Benevolent Association.

"That perp is the one who carried an illegal gun onto our streets. He is the one who chose to fight with the cops. He is solely responsible for our hero brother's death."

Williams previously served 3½ years behind bars for burglary, according to state prison records.

He was due in court in Binghamton on Friday following an arrest in August that stemmed from an alleged physical dispute with a woman. Binghamton Police Department spokesman John Ryan said detectives have provided information about the case to the NYPD.



Emergency personnel stand near the scene of a fatal shooting of a police officer in the Bronx borough of New York, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

Court records don't list a lawyer representing him in that matter.

All of the officers except Mulkeen activated their body cameras. He was unable to amid the struggle with Williams, O'Neill said.

"He displayed incredible, incredible courage," O'Neill said.

Mulkeen's death echoed that of Detective Brian Simonsen, who was killed by friendly fire in February.

Simonsen was hit once in the chest by crossfire as he and six other officers fired 42 shots at a robbery suspect who charged toward them and mimicked pulling the trigger of a fake handgun.

In more than 6½ years with the NYPD, Mulkeen made 270 arrests — many of them for felonies, including pos-

session of illegal guns.

He left a high-paying finance job to become a police officer because, as friend Daniel Tucker wrote on Facebook, he "felt like he wasn't doing enough with his life."

Mulkeen graduated from Fordham University's business school and worked as a financial adviser at Merrill Lynch in New York from 2007 to 2009, the company said.

In his Facebook post, Tucker recounted Mulkeen's departure from the company. He remembered his friend calling him and saying: "Tuck! I couldn't wait to tell you, I quit my job at Merrill Lynch and I'm gonna be a cop!"

Police officers and firefighters lined up along the New York State Thruway on Mon-

day as a caravan of police vehicles transported Mulkeen's body to a funeral home in his hometown of Monroe, a suburb northwest of the city. His funeral is scheduled for Friday.

Mulkeen, who lived in Yorktown Heights with his girlfriend, an officer in a different Bronx precinct, started his law enforcement career as a dispatcher for the police department in Tuxedo, a town near Monroe. He joined the NYPD in January 2013.

"He brought joy, and caring with him when he came," the Tuxedo Police Department posted on Facebook. "He followed his dream. He will always be one of us, remembered for his courage, his love and his drive. We will never forget, we will always be with you." □



Refugees and Migrants carry their belongings as they disembark on a ferry with destination the port of Piraeus, on the northeastern Aegean island of Lesbos, Greece, Monday, Sept. 30, 2019. Associated Press

After deadly fire, Greece to move migrants from packed camps

By MICHAEL VARAKLAS and DEREK GATOPOULOS
Associated Press

LESBOS, Greece (AP) — Signaling a shift in policy, Greece's government said Monday it would accelerate efforts to move thousands of refugees and migrants from Aegean Sea islands to the mainland following a deadly fire at the country's largest camp on the island of Lesbos.

The decision was announced after Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis chaired a four-hour cabinet meeting, a day after a fire at the Moria camp left one asylum-seeker dead and 17 injured.

More than 12,000 people — more than four times the site's capacity — are currently housed in the camp and just outside its perimeter following a spike in migrant arrivals over the summer.

Police said the fire gutted eight container homes in the camp and triggered rioting by camp residents who were dispersed by riot police using stun grenades. No sign of arson was found at the site — contradicting earlier statements by authorities on the island who said the fires may have been started deliberately by camp dwellers.

Government officials unveiled plans Monday to evenly distribute camps nationally in all 13 regional authorities, mostly on the mainland, replacing

a three-year-old practice of containing new arrivals on Lesbos and four other eastern islands facing the Turkish coast. "This is a national crisis and it must be addressed with a spirit of responsibility," said Eleftherios Oikonomou, a deputy public order minister. "The number of people on the islands will be reduced in an orderly way that is proportionate and involves the 13 regional authorities." Other decisions include the creation of detention centers for migrants who do not have the right to apply for asylum, high-level contacts between the Greek and Turkish governments to restart deportations to Turkey, and continued military support for coast guard patrols in the eastern Aegean. The containment policy on the Greek islands was part of measures under a 2016 agreement between the European Union and Turkey to fight illegal immigration into Europe.

But Mina Andreeva, a spokeswoman for the European Commission, said the EU executive supported the latest Greek measure and was ready to provide additional support. She described the fire on Lesbos as a "truly tragic event."

The interior ministers of France and Germany are due to visit Greece and Turkey this week with outgoing EU migration commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, a Greek. □



European Commissioner designate for Trade Phil Hogan answers questions during his hearing at the European Parliament in Brussels, Monday, Sept. 30, 2019. Associated Press

EU trade chief nominee urges U.S. not to launch new tariff war

BRUSSELS (AP) — The Irishman set to take over as the European Union's top trade official on Monday urged the United States not to launch an economically damaging tariff war with the bloc over subsidies to Airbus and Boeing.

The World Trade Organization ruled in May that Europe illegally subsidized Airbus, hurting U.S. competitor Boeing. The WTO is set shortly to allow President Donald Trump to slap tariffs worth billions of euros on European products — including wine, cheese and olives — in response. The EU has brought a similar case at the WTO accusing the U.S. government of illegally subsidizing Boeing, and a ruling in its favor is expected, but is still months off.

"I would ask the United States to negotiate with us rather than having a tit-for-tat trade war that only does damage to both economies," Phil Hogan told EU lawmakers at a hearing assessing his suitability for the post of EU trade commissioner. If endorsed by the European Parliament, he would take office along with the rest of the new European Commission team in November.

Hogan said "it doesn't make sense" for the Trump administration to launch a tariff war "seeing that they're going to have to deal with the issue if it goes badly wrong for them on Boeing."

"Europe has to stand up for itself as well, in terms of the products that we will identify in return," he added. Trans-Atlantic trade tensions soared after Trump imposed tariffs of 25 percent on steel imports and 10 percent on imported aluminum from the EU last year. He said the move was to protect U.S. national security interests, but the Europeans claim it is simply protectionism and breaks global trade rules.

In response, the EU introduced "rebalancing" tariffs on about 2.8 billion euros (\$3 billion) worth of U.S. steel, agricultural and other products. Trump has also threatened to slap duties on European automakers. In an attempt to head off a tariff war, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker traveled to Washington to meet Trump, and a sketchy and very limited trade deal on industrial products emerged. But little progress has been made, and both sides ac-

cuse each other of dragging their feet.

Questioned by the lawmakers over how he would handle trans-Atlantic trade ties, Hogan said that "unfortunately we have not seen much movement on that agenda," but, he insisted, "we must not lose sight of the big picture" given the huge volume of U.S.-EU trade.

Before Trump came to office, the Europeans had been trying for three years to conclude a more wide-ranging Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Pact with the United States. The pact was meant to lift trade barriers between the world's biggest trading partners, spark sorely-needed economic growth and create new jobs.

Hogan also urged Washington to work with the Europeans on reforming the WTO, particularly its appellate body.

"We need the U.S. at the WTO," Hogan said, but he added that "we have no indication whatsoever from the United States that they are willing to work with the European Union or any other partner in order to deal with the reform that's necessary." □



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Chirac gets full military honors as France bids him farewell

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France bid a final adieu to Jacques Chirac on Monday as the former French president received military honors on a national day of mourning that culminated with a memorial service attended by dozens of past and current world leaders.

Cutting a solemn figure, French President Emmanuel Macron presided over the military ceremony on a mild, sunny morning near the site of Napoleon's tomb in the courtyard of Les Invalides. A military band played the national anthem, "La Marseillaise," before Macron inspected the troops. Chirac's casket, covered with a Tricolor flag, was then carried to the center of the cobbled courtyard.

Macron, who did not speak, later attended the final service at the Church of Saint-Sulpice in downtown Paris alongside family members, French politicians and foreign officials, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, former U.S. President Bill Clinton and Jordan's King Abdallah II. Queen Elizabeth II, 93, did not travel to the French capital but sent her condolences to Chirac's family and "the people of France." Chirac's coffin was driven to Saint-Sulpice, where pianist Daniel Barenboim played a Schubert impromptu, as mourners lined the procession route to his funeral service. When the hearse carrying Chirac drove by, the crowd broke into applause. Standing outside of the Invalides, Nathalie Kabongo, whose husband worked on Chirac's 1995 and 2002 campaigns, said Chirac reminded her of "a politics closer to the people."

"Apart from being president, he was a man ... a

warm man, a man close to people, smiling and with a heart," she said. "We need that sometimes."

Those assembled took pictures, shed tears and held signs reading "Thank you for saying no to the war in Iraq" as they watched the flag-draped coffin onscreen.

Max Mignard, who came to pay his respects, described Chirac as the "kindest man in politics."

A private family church service for Chirac was celebrated prior to the military tribute and a private burial took place later at the Montparnasse cemetery. A minute of silence was held in schools and public buildings across the country on France's national day of mourning for its former leader.

Thousands of miles away from Paris, the French rugby players contesting the rugby World Cup in Japan joined the commemoration with a moment of silence before their training session.

A mainstay of French politics over four decades, Chirac served as Paris mayor, a lawmaker, prime minister and France's president from 1995 to 2007. The last French head of state to complete two terms in office, Chirac died last week at 86.

Known for championing the nation's sense of its own grandeur and opposing the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, Chirac is being remembered fondly despite political failures and a 2011 corruption conviction from actions during his nearly two decades as mayor of Paris. As president from 1995-2007, he was a consummate global diplomat but failed to reform the French economy or defuse tensions between police and minority youths, which



The body of former French president Jacques Chirac is carried to the Saint Sulpice church, Monday, Sept. 30, 2019 in Paris.

Associated Press

exploded into riots across France in 2005.

Once nicknamed "Super Liar," Chirac saw his popularity soar after he left office. Thousands of mourners paid him tribute Sunday at Les Invalides, where his body lay in state on the eve of the memorial service.

"He was a great man who

had an absolute fantastic class in all circumstances," said Nadine Prevost, who was among the Saint-Sulpice mourners. "He knew how to speak to everyone with a simplicity and a grandeur. And that's what made for the richness of his contact."

Former German Chancel-

lor Gerhard Schröder, who enjoyed a close working relationship with Chirac, was on the guests' list released by the Elysee palace but did not attend the service at Saint-Sulpice, according to a reporter inside the church. Macron's press office did not give any reason for his absence. □

Russia: Our approval is needed to publish Trump-Putin calls

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin said Monday that transcripts of calls between U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin can only be published by mutual agreement.

The White House has severely restricted the distribution of memos detailing Trump's calls with foreign leaders, including Putin.

Asked about Congress' push for the publication of Putin-Trump calls, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov

responded that "the publication is possible only on mutual accord."

"If we receive some signals from the U.S., we will consider it," he said in a conference call with reporters.

Peskov noted that the "diplomatic practice doesn't envisage such publications," adding that the issue is U.S. internal business.

The rough transcript of Trump's call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, which was released by the White House, is now the

focus of a U.S. impeachment probe. It showed Trump urging Ukraine to "look into" his Democratic political rival Joe Biden. The publication of the call, in which the presidents made critical comments about German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron, has hurt Ukraine's efforts to forge closer ties with the European Union and drawn acerbic comments from other Russian officials and lawmakers. □

Drug traffickers take advantage of Uruguay's lax controls

By LEONARDO HABERKORN
Associated Press

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — First more than a half ton of cocaine was seized from a plane at a French airport. Then a shipping container with 4.6 tons of the drug was found in Hamburg, Germany, where authorities estimated its street value at a staggering \$1.1 billion.

The departure point of both shipments: Uruguay, South America's smallest Spanish-speaking country, one that seldom makes the headlines for international drug trafficking.

The shipments in May and July set off alarms in the country and led its customs director to resign. Then German broadcaster Deutsche Welle reported that Uruguay had become a world drug trafficking hub in recent years. Authorities on both sides of the Atlantic said they had noticed a change in cocaine trafficking patterns from Uruguay. Amid secrecy, senior government officials met with customs agents and exporters to find out what was happening. One participant said it appears that in Uruguay's bid to speed up trade and lower export costs, customs controls have been neglected and the roving eye of the global drug trade — always searching for weak points — found an easy shipment point in this country of just 3.4 million inhabitants, where exports represented 12.6% of its gross domestic product.

"We are a route, as are many other" countries, said Attorney General Jorge Díaz. "But it is true that certain controls have been weakened or are not at the level they should be."

Deputy Economy Minister Pablo Ferreri told The Associated Press that the drug



In this Sept. 18, 2019 photo, the Montevideo Port entrance and main building are seen in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Associated Press

seizures in Europe came as a shock, but said that "we are working very hard to quickly improve what must be improved."

Customs officials say Uruguay's controls focus on imports, not exports, which are important to the economy and which no one wants to threaten, said Leonardo Couto, a customs broker who participated in meetings seeking to improve the export control system. In the port of Montevideo, Uruguay's capital, the customs terminal has a single scanner that is operated by officials who work only during office hours, never at night. Additionally, the machine is used solely to check imports. Inspecting all the containers leaving the country is impossible because of the costs and delays that would entail. A computer program analyzes what the merchandise is, its destination and who is moving it to determine which containers are

inspected. Less than 3% of containers are examined.

"Everyone in the chain has failed to pay attention to this phenomenon. In the desire to lower and lower costs, we began to relegate controls. Not only the state, everyone," said Couto, who as a dispatcher sends between 300 and 400 containers from Uruguay to other parts of the world every month.

The shipment with cocaine seized in Hamburg was greenlighted in Uruguay without inspection despite its unusual nature: It had four containers of soybeans, a much smaller quantity than a normal shipment would contain.

"Soybeans are usually exported in full boats, without containers. That should have attracted attention," Couto said. "Risk assessment failed. It was not handled well."

Díaz, the attorney general, says he has seen everything: drugs hidden in shipments

of meat and wool, a half ton of cocaine concealed in fishing nets and 2 tons in a yacht that was preparing to travel to Serbia. Those seizures happened in 2003-2010. That era was followed by years of calm and Uruguayan authorities thought the drug route through their country had been closed. But the latest events suggest the route has reopened, maybe because Uruguay let its guard down, Díaz said.

"Since 2009 there has been no plan to combat drug trafficking," he said in an interview on the FM Ocean station.

Laurent Laniel, principal scientific analyst at the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction, said the center began noticing drug shipments from Uruguay this year, though still in smaller quantities than from other South American nations.

The center's most recent report is from 2017, when 140 tons of cocaine were seized, with Colombia, Brazil and Ecuador the main countries from which the drugs departed, Laniel said.

But the growing role Uruguay could be playing in the trade, he said, can be seen at Antwerp, Belgium,

which is Europe's main port for seizures of drugs from Latin America.

Between January and July this year, authorities made two seizures of cocaine from Uruguay destined for Antwerp, including the mega-seizure in Hamburg, which was headed to the Belgian city, and 1.2 more tons on July 23 in a container that was already in the port. In comparison, only 120 kilograms (265 pounds) of cocaine from Uruguay en route to Antwerp were seized in 2018.

No authority has pointed to a specific cartel or group as being behind the Uruguay shipments.

For Laniel, drug trafficking cannot be understood without corruption.

"The bribes detected are just the tip of the iceberg," said Díaz, the Uruguayan prosecutor. "To reach that level of shamelessness there have to be many others."

Defense Minister José Bayardi, told AP the presence of narco-mafias worries him because when they prosper, they "end up disarticulating the country's institutions."

While high levels of corruption have not been detected in the port of Montevideo, a Uruguayan air force corporal was jailed for allegedly taking \$30,000 to look the other way while bags passed through a scanner in the case of the flight that landed in France with 600 kilograms of drugs. Claire Georges, a spokesperson for the European police agency Europol, said the agency is seeing more reports in open sources about the increasing use of Uruguay by organized crime groups for cocaine shipments headings to Europe, though she said it has received little reporting directly from European Union member states about it.

Laniel said Uruguay is still far from being the epicenter of drug trafficking from Latin America to Europe.

Its presence in the world drug trade is "a little thing that has just emerged," he said. "Let's see if it gains more breadth." □



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Yemen rebels free 290 detainees, reviving hopes for talks

By AHMED AL-HAJ and SAMY MAGDY

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's rebels on Monday released scores of detainees they had rounded up and held for years in rebel-controlled territory, a development that raised hopes of reviving stalled peace talks between the warring sides. The International Committee of the Red Cross said the Iran-aligned rebels, known as Houthis, freed 290 detainees.

Franz Rauchenstein, the ICRC's chief in Yemen, said the Red Cross facilitated the release following a request from the Houthis. He expressed hope this would open the door to "further releases to bring comfort to families awaiting reunification with their loved ones." Most of the prisoners were

taken in raids since 2014, when the rebels overran the capital, Sanaa, and much of the north, pushing out Yemen's internationally recognized government and ushering in the civil war that has killed tens of thousands of people.

A Saudi-led coalition intervened in the conflict in 2015 and has since waged war against the Houthis in an effort to restore the government of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to power. The fighting in the Arab world's poorest country has also left millions suffering from food and medical care shortages and pushed the country to the brink of famine.

The ICRC said Monday's release included 42 survivors of an attack earlier this month by the Saudi-led coalition on a Houthi-



A Yemeni detainee is greeted by his relative and friends after his release from a prison controlled by Houthi rebels, in Sanaa, Yemen, Monday, Sept. 30, 2019.

Associated Press

run detention center in the southwestern province of Dhamar. At least 130 people, mostly prisoners, were killed in that attack, according to Yemeni medics. In Sanaa, the Houthis announced they released 350 detainees on Monday, in-

cluding three Saudis. ICRC official Sarah al-Zawqari told The Associated Press that the Red Cross interviewed and facilitated the release of 290. "There could have been more prisoners released but if that's the case, that happened

without our support," she added.

Abdul-Qader el-Murtaza, a rebel official in charge of prisoners' affairs, called on the U.N. to pressure the Saudi-led coalition to "take a similar step" and free its detainees in the war. □

Intl court orders alleged Mali jihadi leader to stand trial

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — International Criminal Court judges on Monday ordered an alleged jihadi leader from Mali to stand trial on war crimes and crimes against humanity charges.

A pretrial chamber issued a confidential decision confirming charges including torture, rape, sexual slavery and deliberately attacking religious buildings and historic monuments against Al Hassan Ag Abdoul Aziz Ag Mohamed Ag

Mahmoud.

The crimes were allegedly committed in Timbuktu during a brutal occupation of the historic desert city by Islamic extremists from April 2012 until January 2013.

The global court said in a statement that after studying evidence presented by prosecutors the judges concluded that there are "substantial grounds to believe that Mr. Al Hassan is responsible" for the crimes charged.

Prosecutors allege he was a key member of Ansar Dine, an al-Qaida-linked

Islamic extremist group.

At a hearing in July to assess the strength of the evidence, defense lawyer Melinda Taylor argued that the prosecution case relies heavily on statements Al Hassan made while he was held at an undisclosed location in Mali that she said was notorious for human rights abuses. She said that Al Hassan later told ICC prosecutors he was tortured.

Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda told judges that Al Hassan was the de facto chief of the Islamic police that

imposed a brutal regime on Timbuktu residents during Ansar Dine's occupation.

She said he "played an essential and undeniable role in the system of persecution established by the armed groups throughout the period of occupation of Timbuktu."

No date was immediately set for Al Hassan's trial.

The case against Al Hassan is the second at the global court to focus on crimes committed during the occupation of Timbuktu.

A member of Ansar Dine,

Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi, was convicted in 2016 and sentenced to nine years' imprisonment for intentionally directing attacks against nine mausoleums and a mosque door in Timbuktu in 2012. Al Mahdi had earlier pleaded guilty and expressed remorse for his role in leading the destruction.

A French-led military operation in 2013 forced Al Hassan and others from power, though elements have continued to stage numerous attacks on Malian and international forces. □

New protest hit Haiti amid demands that president resign

By **DÁNICA COTO**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

(AP) — Thousands of demonstrators set fires Monday and chanted calls for Haiti's president to resign as the opposition to Jovenel Moise tried to increase pressure for him to leave office. Protesters said several people were hit by gunfire, including a local journalist. Schools, businesses and government offices were closed as protesters gathered chanting, "Down with Jovenel!"

"We can't continue to live like this," said 34-year-old Lestin Abelo as he poured gasoline on a pile of debris that quickly caught fire. "We have a government that's not doing anything for the people."

Opposition leaders and supporters say they are angry about public corruption, spiraling inflation and a dwindling supply of gasoline that has forced many gas stations in the capital to close. Suppliers have demanded that the cash-strapped government pay them more than \$100 million owed.

Protesters also are demanding a more in-depth investigation into allegations that top officials in the previous government



Haitians gather for a nationwide push to block streets and paralyze the country's economy as they press for President Jovenel Moise to give up power, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday, Sept. 30, 2019.

Associated Press

misused billions of dollars in proceeds from a Venezuela-subsidized oil plan meant to fund urgent social programs. Critics accuse Moise of trying to protect his ally, former President Michel Martelly, and of participating in the corruption himself before becoming president.

Blood spattered the concrete floor near the Bernard Mevs Hospital as the protest grew violent.

Under heavy rain, a group of men rushed into the emergency room carry-

ing a friend they said was shot in the left leg by police. Jean-Pierre Finfin, 34, said he was standing next to his friend when the bullet hit. He was still shaken as he recounted being part of a crowd marching toward Petionville when he said police fired.

Local radio journalist Joseph Edmond was shot in his right hand while covering the protest. He was taken to a hospital for treatment, said his colleague, Eddy Baptiste, who was next to him when it hap-

pened.

He said 22-year-old Edmond was injured when police in an unmarked car began firing at a distance so they could get away from the crowd.

Police threw tear gas and scattered thousands of protesters at mid-afternoon, with one canister landing on a family's roof as several people fled the house in panic.

Other protesters fled with handkerchiefs over their faces as they flushed themselves with water. One man

held a crushed lemon to his nose.

Among those running was 38-year-old mason Petit Homme Edner, who held a brown cloth to his face.

"Is this democracy?!" he cried out. "We have the right to protest."

Moise, who began his five-year term in 2017, has said he will not step down despite the unrest and instead called for calm, unity and dialogue during an address televised at 2 a.m. Wednesday. It was a rare appearance for the president since the new wave of protests began about three weeks ago.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said the agency is "concerned by reports of violence and arson that have been taking place over the past few days throughout the country."

"We praise the work of the Haitian National Police, which has done its utmost to provide security to the Haitian people, State institutions and private property," he added, and said the U.N. is "in discussions with local stakeholders to find a peaceful way out of the crisis and alleviate the suffering of the population who has been bearing the brunt of this crisis." □

Peru president dissolves congress amid anti-corruption push



A woman holds up a sign with a message that reads in Spanish; "Get out Vizcarra, you are incompetent" during a protest outside Congress, in Lima, Peru, Monday, Sept. 30, 2019.

Associated Press

By **FRANKLIN BRICEÑO and CHRISTINE ARMARIO**

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peruvian President Martín Vizcarra dissolved congress Monday, exercising seldom used executive powers to

shut down the opposition-controlled legislature that he accuses of stonewalling attempts to curb widespread corruption.

In a televised address, Vizcarra told the South Ameri-

can nation that he had decided to call new legislative elections after lawmakers proceeded with holding a controversial vote to replace almost all the members of the Constitutional Tribunal.

"We are making history that will be remembered by future generations," he said. "And when they do, I hope they understand the magnitude of this fight that we are in today against an endemic evil that has caused much harm to our country."

The stunning events Peru could spell new instability as the nation grapples with the fallout of the Odebrecht corruption scandal, plummeting faith in public institutions and an inexperienced president struggling to govern.

Nonetheless, the decision is likely to be widely welcomed by Peruvians who have been clamoring for new congressional elections to replace the majority party, led by a former first daughter and presidential candidate who is now behind bars.

"Peruvians will not shed many tears," said Steven Levitsky, a Harvard University political scientist who has extensively studied the nation.

Opposition leaders immediately denounced the move as the work of a "dictator" and proceeded with pushing an impeachment vote against him, though it would carry only symbolic weight since their positions in congress are now considered vacated.

"This was the plan from the start," said Milagros Salazar, a spokeswoman for Fuerza Popular, the party of Keiko Fujimori, the daughter of former President Alberto Fujimori who was once a commanding force herself in the country's politics but is now jailed. "They think this is a monarchy, that's what they want to impose."

Vizcarra became chief of state last year after President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski resigned following revelations that his private consulting firm had received undisclosed payments from Odebrecht, the Brazilian construction giant that has admitted to doling out millions of dollars to politicians around Latin America in exchange for lucrative public works contracts. □

LOCAL



The coffee trade in Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Today is international coffee day. A date selected by the international coffee organization to honor this globally consumed beverage. On this occasion, the journalist and author of books Benjamin Romero takes the opportunity to make a preliminary introduction of his book "The Coffee Trade In Aruba" that was originally translated from Papiamentu to English.

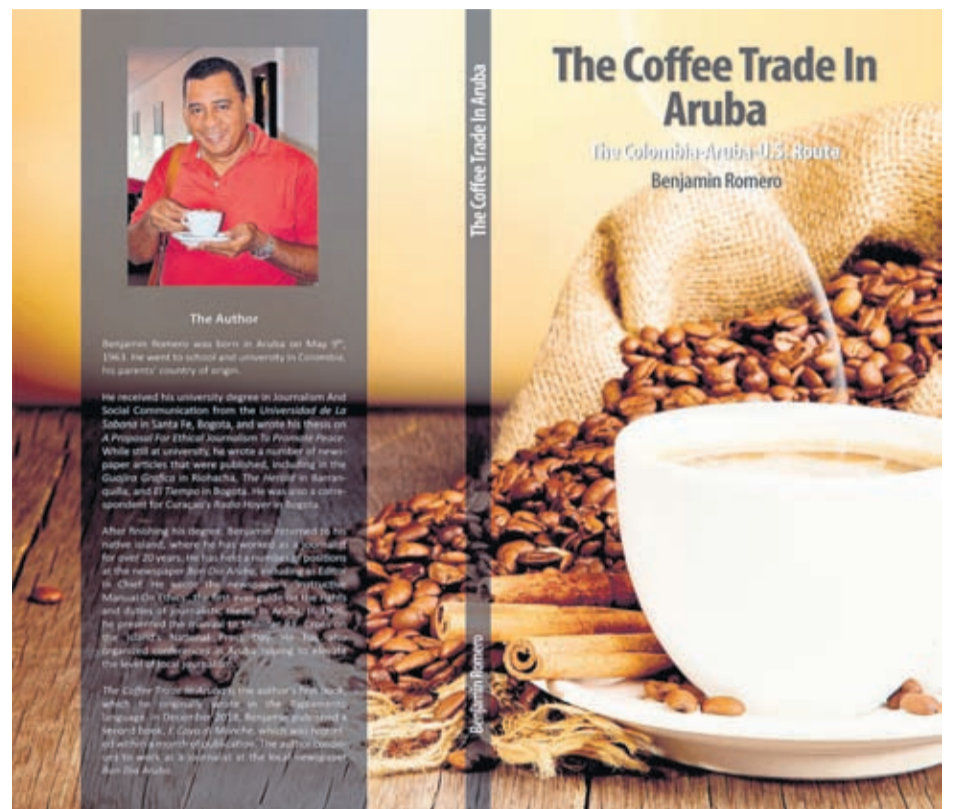
The author will visit different establishments such as Coffee Break, Coffee House, Santos Coffee with Soul, Amice Lunch Room and other locations selling coffee, to make a gift of his book.

After the first version of this book was published in December 2016 in less than six months it was completely sold out. A second version was published in mid-2017, which

is also now fully sold. With the publication of this book in English, the author hopes that more readers can know this fascinating story that tells how Aruba in the decade of the 60-s and 70-s became one of the main coffee exporters in the world without having plantations of coffee, and without producing a grain of this product.

Although the book is an original translation of his version in Papiamentu, in this edition in English, the author includes some new information about the current situation of this business in Aruba, also accompanied by new photographs and tables.

As of today, this book will be available in the Aruba market and an official introduction is being programmed along with an exhibition of objects and illustrative photos



that were part of the coffee export business in Aruba. For more information about the book please

have a look at the Facebook page E Negoshi di Koffie na Aruba y E Caya di Monche. □

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Get to know Aruba's small snake

Episode XXXVII

The world's smallest snake species, which adult's average size is just beneath four inches in length and 0.11811 inches in diameter, has been discovered on the Caribbean island of Aruba some years ago. Encountering this species which is as thin as a spaghetti noodle and small enough to rest in the palm of your hand, is becoming very frequent by our curator Anthony Croes, who advocates the goals of Etnia Nativa to share and protect our natural richness.



Our curator has found this snake variety that lives in tiny cavities in the limestone flats, alongside the South and North-Western part of the island bordering the salt lake that ends or starts in the Malmok area. There we find the top layer of the limestone plateau that has deprived of its original vegetation by heavy equipment for housing projects. Turned over and tumbled rocks exposed the underground part of the limestone showing holes and cavities that form the ideal hunting and living biosphere for the small snake.

Etnia Nativa's concern is that the Aruban species is new to science and therefore its importance is unacknowledged but it might be vital in Aruba's ecosystem. Studies based on its genetic most probably differences from other snake species and its unique color pattern and scales. It is also stated that some old museum specimens that had been misidentified by other scientists actually belong to this new species.

Scientists use adults to compare sizes among animals because the sizes of adults do not vary as much as the sizes of juveniles and because juveniles can be harder to find. In addition, scientists seek to measure both males and females of a species to determine its average size. Using these methods could determine if this species could be unique to Aruba. A snake of this same species was discovered by Blair Hedges, an evolutionary biologist in 2008 on the island of Barbados and the nearby island of St. Lucia. He named the one discovered on Barbados *Tetracheilostoma carlae* or *Leptotyphlops carlae*, which is the smallest of the more than 3,100 known snake species on the planet.

Leptotyphlops carlae

The smallest animals have young that are proportionately enormous relative to the adults. The hatchlings are one-half the length of an adult, whereas the hatchlings of the largest snakes are only one-tenth the length of an adult. Tiny snakes produce only one massive egg — relative to the size of the mother — which suggests that natural selection is trying to keep the size of hatchlings above a critical limit in order for them to survive.

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Get to know Aruba's small snake

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Aruba's Xerophil vegetation, which grows on the topsoil that covers old island lime stone plateaus.

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Biologists think the Barbados snake may be at or near the minimum possible size for snakes, though cannot say for sure that no smaller species exists — several other snake species are nearly as small. While it is possible that a smaller species exists, finding such an animal is unlikely.

"Snakes may be prevented by natural selection from becoming too small because, below a certain size, there may be nothing for their young to eat." Like others to which it is related the snake feeds primarily on earth worms and larvae of ants and termites. In contrast to larger species — some of which can lay up to 100 eggs in a single clutch — the smallest snakes and the

smallest of other types of animals usually lay only one egg or give birth to one offspring. The Aruban variety is no exception to this pattern. It produces a single slender egg that occupies a significant portion of the mother's body. "If a tiny snake were to have two offspring, each egg could occupy only half the space that is devoted to reproduction within its body." □

New Face for Casa del Mar Beach Resort & Timeshare



EAGLE BEACH — Casa del Mar Beach Resort & Timeshare offers you paradise: stay in a wonderful, oceanfront location or pool-side timeshare suites with a world of amenities that include a spa, a restaurant, and a fitness center. At this moment, the resort is undergoing a refurbishment of their façade, as well as the interior of the suites. Jacqueline Winklaar is the woman behind the make-over.

She is a strong and confident woman amidst a team of six-muscle men, a necessity when it comes

to replacing old furniture and appliances. The logistics, another challenge, is all managed by Jacqueline and her crew. "When the containers come in I am ready to go and the guys take out the stuff. Then we divide the boxes over the different floors. When we finish that we enter each room and put all in place." Sometimes they take one block, other times a complete floor. "It depends on what is brought in by the containers and also on the vacancy. We need to make sure not to block elevators or have too many boxes in the hall-

ways as that will disturb our guests and we do not want that." In the past two months, Jacqueline and her team have managed to do 65% of all the suites.

Happy Guests

There is brand new furniture and appliances. Was it necessary? Yes, said the management and also Jacqueline. "In my opinion we needed a fresh look. The resort is more than 30 years old and during the years the interior style got a bit old fashioned." Now, all the suites are in the same modern style with tropical warmth.

The organizing of this renovation takes some effort as the Casa del

Mar Beach Resort & Timeshare did its utmost not to disturb the guests too much. Jacqueline: "The guests are informed ahead so they know when my team enters the room for some time to switch the furniture and appliances. It is a more than pleasant surprise when they come back and find their made-over suite." She says most guests are so excited and happy, like in those TV-shows you watch the before-and-after stages. The suites can be vacant or occupied; Jacqueline needs to work around it. "Some guests are so happy that they even stay in to help, you can see many guests wished for these changes." □



Honor to the Goodwill Ambassadors visitors of La Quinta Beach Resort



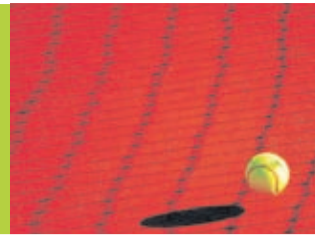
EAGLE BEACH — Recently, Ms. Darline S. de Cuba of Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba as Goodwill Ambassadors at their home away from home.

The honored were: **Harold Clark and Jo Anne Saberre**, residents from Flower Mound, Texas visiting the island 20 years consecutive. & **Linda Montecchi & Diane Schmitt**, residents of Saddle Brook, New Jersey visiting the island 30 years consecutive.

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SPORTS



California to let college athletes sign endorsement deals

By ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— Defying the NCAA, California opened the way Monday for college athletes to hire agents and make money from endorsement deals with sneaker companies, soft drink makers and other sponsors, just like the pros. The first-in-the-nation law, signed by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom and set to take effect in 2023, could upend amateur sports in the U.S. and trigger a legal challenge.

Newsom and others cast it as an attempt to bring more fairness to big-money college athletics and let players share in the wealth they create for their schools. Critics have long complained that schools are getting rich off the backs of athletes — often, black athletes struggling to get by financially.

"Other college students with a talent, whether it be literature, music, or technological innovation, can monetize their skill and hard work," he said. "Student athletes, however, are prohibited from being compensated while their respective colleges and universities make millions, often at great risk to athletes' health, academics and professional careers." He predicted other states will introduce similar legislation. Two lawmakers in South Carolina have already announced plans to do so.

The NCAA, which had asked the governor to veto the bill, responded by saying it will consider its "next steps." It did not elaborate.

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FOWL BALL

St. Louis Cardinals' Dexter Fowler, right, crosses home plate in front of Chicago Cubs catcher Willson Contreras, left, after hitting a two-run home run during the second inning of a baseball game Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, in St. Louis.

Emotional Cameron Champ hangs on to win Safeway Open

By **MICHAEL WAGAMAN**

NAPA, Calif. (AP) — Cameron Champ broke down in tears when it was over.

Playing while his grandfather fights cancer in nearby Sacramento, the 24-year-old Champ won the Safeway Open on Sunday for his second PGA Tour title. He made a 3-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th hole for a one-stroke victory over Adam Hadwin at Silverado Resort.

Champ raised both arms then shared a long embrace with his caddie before breaking into tears as he hugged his father, Jeff, on the green. Champ's grandfather, Mack, is battling stomach cancer and is in hospice. Mack introduced Champ to golf at a young age.

"For me to do something like this, for me to win, and for him to be able to witness and watch on TV, I know he was probably amped up," Champ said. "For him to be able to see me make that putt on 18 on the 72nd hole, that will go down as the greatest moment ever in my career."

"It was just kind of meant to be. Everything fell into place."

Champ's second victory in 33 events didn't come without its moments, especially down the stretch.

Three strokes ahead entering the round, Champ



Cameron Champ poses with his trophy on the 18th green of the Silverado Resort North Course after winning the Safeway Open PGA golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, in Napa, Calif.

Associated Press

had five birdies and overcame a bogey on No. 17 — "Adrenaline," Champ said — to hold off Hadwin. Champ closed with a 3-under 69 to finish at 17-under 271.

Afterward, Champ was handed a cell phone by

his father. On the other end was Mack.

"With everything going on with my family, with my grandpa, I wasn't sure if I was even going to play," Champ said. "I showed up Thursday and teed it up with no practice round,

nothing. The whole week there was nothing else on my mind. It just kind of blurred everything else."

Hadwin birdied the final three holes for a 67 to tie Champ at 16 under, then watched from nearby as Champ nearly chipped in

for eagle on 18 before making the short birdie putt.

"At least I made him think about it a little bit," Hadwin said. "I knew I had to do something special. Put a little pressure on him and made him make birdie for it."

Champ missed every fairway on the front nine but made several big second shots to stay in front. None was more impressive than after he drove into the far left rough on the par-5 fifth, pitched up and over a tall tree and onto the green 17 feet away and two-putted for birdie.

Champ bogeyed No. 8, but rebounded with a birdie on No. 9. He had a short chip-in for par on No. 11 after chunking his approach shot.

"I just kept grinding," said Champ, who had 21 birdies in the four rounds. "I got some key up-and-downs. The chip-in on 11 was huge, and the up-and-down on 15 just kind of kept my round going."

Champ's only other tour victory came last October in Mississippi at the Sander Farms Championship. He hadn't finished higher than sixth since, missing the cut 12 times.

Marc Leishman (65) was third at 14 under. Justin Thomas (69), Charles Howell III (68) and Zac Blair (68) were 13 under. □



In this Aug. 24, 2019, file photo, Rory McIlroy hits from the tee on the third hole during third round play in the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta.

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Two of the biggest names in golf have taken a swing at the course set-ups on the European Tour, saying they need to be tougher to test the best players.

Rory McIlroy was the first to vent his frustration, saying after the final round of the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship on Sunday that "there are no penalties for bad shots" and "I don't feel

McIlroy, Els take swing at European Tour for course set-ups

good golf is rewarded as well as it could be."

"I'm sick of coming back over to the European Tour and shooting 15 under par and finishing 30th," said the No. 2-ranked McIlroy, who actually finished in a tie for 26th on 15 under at the Dunhill Links in Scotland — seven shots behind the winner, Victor Perez.

McIlroy clarified his comments in an Instagram post on Monday, saying "strategy, course management and shot-making" were key aspects of golf being taken out of the game not

just in Europe but across the world.

"I would personally like to see tougher set-ups in Europe," McIlroy wrote, "because it will produce better, more complete, young players in the future and that can only be a good thing for the game and our Ryder Cup chances."

Ernie Els, another four-time major winner, came out in support of McIlroy on Monday and used as an example the reaction of some European Tour players in 2010 to his redesign of the West Course at Wentworth.

"Had so much blow-back from players," Els wrote on Twitter, "we had to ease up & now 20-under wins."

Els said the biggest events "need courses 'major' tough. Test the best!"

McIlroy, who mostly plays on the PGA Tour, also referred to his 34th-place finish at the Scottish Open in July after being 13 under par overall. That left him nine strokes behind the winner, Bernd Wiesberger.

The European Tour said it would not be responding to the criticism of McIlroy and Els. □

NFL suspends Raiders' Vontaze Burfict for rest of season

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

Oakland Raiders linebacker Vontaze Burfict was suspended Monday for the rest of the season for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Indianapolis Colts tight end Jack Doyle, the most severe punishment in NFL history for an on-field infraction.

Burfict will miss the final 12 games of the season and any playoff games for "repeated violations of unnecessary roughness rules." He has been suspended three times in his career for hits violating the league's player safety rules.

Burfict has the right under the collective bargaining agreement to appeal the punishment in the next three days. He had one of his previous suspensions reduced from five games to three games on an appeal in 2017.

It's that history that led to the most severe punishment the NFL has handed out when it comes to player safety, topping the five games Tennessee's Albert Haynesworth got in 2006 for kicking and stomping on Cowboys center Andre Gurode's face, leading to 30 stitches.

Burfict had served two three-game suspensions already in his career and had been warned about severe punishment for future infractions.

"There were no miti-

gating circumstances on this play," NFL Vice President of football operations Jon Runyan said in a letter to Burfict announcing the suspension. "Your contact was unnecessary, flagrant and should have been avoided. For your actions, you were penalized and disqualified from the game. "Following each of your previous rule violations, you were warned by me and each of the jointly-appointed appeal officers that future violations would result in escalated accountability measures. However, you have continued to flagrantly abuse rules designated to protect yourself and your opponents from unnecessary risk."

"Your extensive history of rules violations is factored into this decision regarding accountability measures."

The suspension is without pay, costing Burfict more than \$1.1 million in salary and per game active roster bonuses.

Burfict was flagged for unnecessary roughness and ejected from the Raiders' game against the Colts on Sunday after a blow to Doyle's head early in the second quarter.

"I just got tackled," Doyle said after the game. "I'm sure it looked worse than it was. I didn't really feel anything from it. My helmet protected me."

The Colts have now had



In this July 29, 2019, file photo, Oakland Raiders linebackers Vontaze Burfict gets up after stretching during NFL football training camp in Napa, Calif.

Associated Press

two players enter the concussion protocol following games this season — All-Pro linebacker Darius Leonard two weeks ago and starting safety Clayton Geathers following Sunday's game. Doyle, Colts coach Frank Reich said Monday, showed no symptoms of a head injury.

But Reich backed the league's decision.

"I was just thankful the league took the action that it did, and (I) support the league and the decision," he said on a conference call Monday. "I did have a reaction yesterday. When someone does some-

thing like that and attacks one of your players — that's just not supposed to be in the game. Then when it's against one of your players, you naturally have a reaction. I'm just glad they did what they did at the game and the follow-up action seems very appropriate."

Burfict during his time in Cincinnati was repeatedly suspended by the NFL for egregious hits and violating its policy on performance-enhancers. He was fined regularly for hits that crossed the line, most notably the one to Antonio Brown's head that helped the Steelers rally for an 18-16 playoff win in the 2015 season. That led to a three-game suspension to start the 2016 season.

Burfict then was penalized for a blind-side block against Kansas City fullback Anthony Sherman in the 2017 preseason that led to a five-game suspension that was later reduced to three games.

Burfict was also fined \$112,000 last season for hits on Brown and James Conner in a game against Pittsburgh.

Despite that history, Burfict said after signing with the Raiders that he disputes accusations that he is a "dirty" player.

"I play a physical position, which is middle linebacker, outside linebacker. That's

physical," he said. "I can't go in there playing patty-cake. If I go out there playing patty-cake, then I'm going to be getting run over. I have 300-pound linemen, 300-plus pound linemen coming at me, trying to block me. If I play soft, then I'm not doing my job. I could see if I played quarterback or kicker or punter, then yeah you can be, I wouldn't say soft, but you know what I'm saying. I play a physical position to where I have to put my jockstrap on right, put my shoes on right, put my cleats on right and come out ready to play physical." Burfict also was suspended for the first four games in 2018 for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancers.

The loss of Burfict will be a big blow to the Raiders defense. He was brought in because of his extensive knowledge of coordinator Paul Guenther's scheme and had a key role as captain and signal caller to make sure Oakland ran it properly. Tahir Whitehead took over as signal caller after Burfict left the game.

The Raiders arrived in London on Monday to prepare for an upcoming game against the Chicago Bears and players and coaches were unavailable for comment. □

Bills backup Barkley on deck if Allen can't start vs Titans

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Unsure of Josh Allen's status after being placed in the NFL's concussion protocol, Buffalo Bills coach Sean McDermott says there's plenty of "internal belief" in Matt Barkley should the backup have to start at Tennessee this weekend. McDermott provided no other updates on Allen's status Monday. The second-year starter was hurt a day earlier following a helmet-to-helmet hit with New England's Jonathan Jones in the opening minute of the fourth quarter of a 16-10 loss to the Patriots. Barkley closed by going 9 of 16 for

127 yards passing and a game-sealing interception against New England as the Bills dropped to 3-1. The seven-year journeyman signed with Buffalo last October and started two weeks later in place of Allen, who was sidelined by an injury to his throwing elbow. Barkley went 15 of 25 for 232 yards and a touchdown in a 41-10 win over the New York Jets on Nov. 11. The performance led Buffalo to sign the 29-year-old to a two-year contract extension. The former college star at Southern California has just seven starts, including six with Chicago in 2016, over 12 games. □

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In this March 14, 2012, file photo, a player runs across the NCAA logo during practice at the NCAA tournament college basketball in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

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The NCAA, which has 1,100 member schools and claims nearly a half-million athletes, said it is working to "make adjustments to NCAA name, image and likeness rules that are both realistic in modern society and tied to higher education." But it said any such changes should be made at a national level through the NCAA, not through a patchwork of state laws. California's law applies to students at both public and private universities in the state and covers all sports,

though the big money to be made is in football and basketball. It bars schools from kicking athletes off the team if they get paid. It does not apply to community colleges and prohibits athletes from accepting endorsement deals that conflict with their schools' existing contracts. The law represents another instance of California jumping out in front of other states and positioning itself in the vanguard of change. The movement to allow student athletes to profit from their labors on the court or

the playing field has been simmering for years, portrayed as a matter of economic fairness and civil rights. Newsom tweeted a video showing him signing the law during a special episode of HBO's "The Shop: Uninterrupted" alongside NBA superstar LeBron James, one of a number of professional athletes who have endorsed the measure. James, whose 14-year-old son is a closely watched basketball prospect in Los Angeles and will be 18 when the law takes effect, exulted over its signing on Instagram, saying it will "change the lives for countless athletes who deserve it!" He added: "NCAA, you got the next move. We can solve this for everyone!" Before the governor signed it, the NCAA warned that the law would give California universities an unfair recruiting advantage, which could prompt the association to bar them from competition. Powerhouses like the University of Southern

California, UCLA, Stanford and the University of California, Berkeley, could find themselves banned. If California schools are drummed out of college sports' governing body, they could form a new organization, since membership in the NCAA is voluntary. But the governor said he doubts the NCAA will kick California schools out, because the economic consequences to the organization would be profound. "They can't afford to do that," he said. Democratic state Sen. Nancy Skinner, the bill's author, said it rights a longtime wrong: "For decades, college sports has generated billions for all involved except the very people most responsible for creating the wealth. That's wrong." But the Pac-12 Conference, which includes the four powerhouse California schools, warned that the law "will lead to the professionalization of college sports and many unintended consequences related

to this professionalism." It said that the measure could affect how California schools compete nationally, reduce opportunities for student athletes in Olympic sports and harm female competitors. "All reforms must treat our student-athletes as students pursuing an education, and not as professional athletes," the conference said. The new law does not go so far as to allow colleges and universities to pay athletes directly for their play. The NCAA has steadfastly refused to pay players in most cases. But a committee led by Ohio State Athletic Director Gene Smith and Big East Commissioner Val Ackerman is studying other ways players could make money. Its report is expected in October. The NCAA does let some athletes accept money in some instances. Tennis players can accept up to \$10,000 in prize money per year, and Olympians can accept winnings from their competitions. □

Cards beat Cubs 9-0 in Maddon's finale, clinch NL Central

By The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals clinched the NL Central on the final day of the regular season, using Jack Flaherty's arm and Matt Carpenter's bat Sunday to win their first division title since 2015 with a 9-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

The Cubs lost on Joe Maddon's last day as their manager. It was announced before the game that he won't return next year.

Flaherty tossed seven impressive innings and Carpenter led a three-homer attack with a three-run drive to help St. Louis advance to the NL Division Series, starting Thursday at Atlanta.

The second-place Milwaukee Brewers will play at Washington in the NL wild-card game Tuesday night, with the winner going on to play Los Angeles in the NLDS.

Paul Goldschmidt and Dexter Fowler also homered for St. Louis (91-71).

Flaherty (11-8) allowed two hits, struck out six and walked one.

Chicago starter Derek Holland (2-5) took the loss.

ROCKIES 4, BREWERS 3, 13 INNINGS

DENVER (AP) — Relegated to an NL wild-card spot, Milwaukee lost to Colorado when Jake Faria threw a wild pitch in the 13th inning that allowed the winning run to score.

The Brewers will play at Washington on Tuesday night in the wild-card game. The winner advances to take on the NL West champion Los Angeles Dodgers.

Yasmani Grandal hit a two-run homer for Milwaukee and Hernan Perez had a pinch-hit homer.

Dom Nunez homered for Colorado, which again scored the tying run in the ninth and swept the three-game series.

Bryan Shaw (3-2) picked up the win with a scoreless inning.

DODGERS 9, GIANTS 0

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Bruce Bochy bid an emotional farewell following 2 1/2 decades in what is cer-

tainly Hall of Fame managerial career, finishing with a 9-0 defeat to Los Angeles. Los Angeles won its franchise-record 106th game, jumping to a 5-0 lead in the first that held up on Will Smith's two-run homer right after a bases-clearing, three-run double by Corey Seager.

Lefty Rich Hill worked three scoreless innings allowing one hit in his 13th start of the season for the Dodgers. Dustin May (2-3) pitched a perfect fourth for the win.

METS 7, BRAVES 6, 11 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Soroka recovered from a shaky start in his playoff tuneup, but banged-up Atlanta limped into October with a loss to New York.

New York's Dominic Smith hit a game-ending, three-run homer on his first competitive swing in more than two months.

Soroka was tagged for three runs and four hits in the first inning of the regular-season finale. J.D. Davis socked a two-run homer off the right-hander, who settled down after that and lasted 85 pitches. He gave up three runs and seven hits over five innings, with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Grant Dayton (0-1) took the loss. Chris Mazza (1-1) got two outs for his first major league win.

REDS 3, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Aristides Aquino hit his 19th home run, Tyler Mahle pitched five shutout innings to pick up his first win since May and Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh shortly after the Pirates fired manager Clint Hurdle. Brian O'Grady connected for his second home run and Alex Blandino added a solo shot as Cincinnati finished 75-87 under first-year manager David Bell.

Mahle (3-12) struck out five and allowed three hits to win for the first time in 13 starts. Michael Lorenzen worked the ninth for his seventh save.

Jose Osuna delivered an RBI single for Pittsburgh. Trevor Williams (7-9) gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings.

MARLINS 4, PHILLIES 3



St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Carpenter, center, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a three-run home run during the third inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, in St. Louis.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bryce Harper got two hits and a standing ovation to close out his first season in Philadelphia, and the Phillies finished at 81-81 after a loss to Miami.

Brad Miller hit a pair of homers for Philadelphia, which ended a run of six straight losing campaigns but fell well short of expectations. Starlin Castro homered and doubled, and Sandy Alcantara pitched six solid innings for Miami. Martin Prado and Isan Diaz also went deep for the Marlins (57-105), who finished with a losing record for the 10th straight season.

Alcantara (6-14) allowed one run on eight hits, struck out five and walked one.

NATIONALS 8, INDIANS 2

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington continued its surge

into the playoffs by stretching its winning streak to a year-high eight games with a victory over Cleveland.

Washington will host the NL wild-card game Tuesday night against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Catcher Kurt Suzuki hit his 17th homer, a two-run shot in the third inning. Juan Soto delivered an RBI double in the first, and Brian Dozier and Gerardo Parra each drove in two runs in the sixth. Parra tacked on a run-scoring hit in the eighth. Joe Ross (4-4) went six innings for Washington, allowing four hits, including Francisco Lindor's 32nd homer leading off the third inning, and striking out eight batters.

Mike Clevinger (13-4) was charged with six runs over 5 2/3 innings and failed to

collect what would have been a career-best 14th win.

DIAMONDBACKS 1, PADRES 0

PHOENIX (AP) — Taijuan Walker returned from Tommy John surgery on the final day of the regular season, Tim Lincecum beat out an infield grounder to drive home the winning run in the ninth inning and Arizona beat San Diego.

Lincecum bounced one deep into the hole at shortstop with two outs, and Luis Urias skipped a throw to first on what would have been a close play, allowing Christian Walker to score from third. Stefan Crichton (1-0) pitched the ninth for his first major league win.

Matt Strahm (6-11) gave up three hits and the decisive run for the loss. □



Rangers close out ballpark 6-1 over AL East champ Yankees

By The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Lance Lynn struck out 10, getting his career-high 16th win as Texas closed out the 26th and final season at their ballpark with a win over the AL East champion New York.

After Aaron Judge's 27th homer in the third inning tied the game at 1-1, Lynn (16-11) retired his last 14 batters while pitching against his former team.

New York, plays Minnesota in the Division Series starting Friday, went 103-59.

Masahiro Tanaka (11-9) allowed two runs and five hits in three innings.

RED SOX 5, ORIOLES 4

BOSTON (AP) — Eduardo Rodriguez missed out on a 20-win season when Boston's bullpen blew a late lead, but the Red Sox beat Baltimore on Mookie Betts' ninth-inning dash home.

Betts scored from first on a single by Rafael Devers with no outs.

Stevie Wilkerson chased Jackie Bradley Jr.'s fly ball to the edge of the visitors' bullpen, leaped over the short wall and pulled back Bradley's would-be homer while nearly tumbling into the seats.

Brandon Workman (10-1) pitched one inning and struck out three to pick up the victory. Dillion Tate (0-2) got the loss for Baltimore (54-108), which was denied its first sweep of the season.

ASTROS 8, ANGELS 5

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Gerrit Cole earned his career-high 20th win, added to his major league-leading strikeout total and finished the best ERA in the AL in Houston's win over Los Angeles.

Cole (20-5) posted his franchise-record 16th straight win as the Astros wound up with the top record in the majors at 107-55 and home-field advantage throughout the postseason. They begin the playoffs Friday at home against the winner of the wild-card game between Tampa Bay and Oakland.

George Springer, Aledmys Diaz and Yuli Gurriel all homered to boost Houston. Cole allowed one earned



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Lance Lynn (35) throws to the New York Yankees in the second inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

run over five innings and struck out 10. He is the first pitcher in the majors to record double-digit strikeouts in nine consecutive games. He also became the first to reach 300 without throwing a complete game.

The Angels finished at 72-90, their fourth consecutive losing season. The Angels struggled through injuries to Mike Trout and others and the death of teammate Tyler Skaggs.

Matt Thaiss homered twice, doubled and drove in four runs for the Angels. Dillon Peters (4-4) gave up three home runs.

BLUE JAYS 8, RAYS 3

TORONTO (AP) — Blake Snell lost in a tuneup for a potential postseason out-

ing, and Tampa Bay was beaten by Toronto in its last game before the wild card playoff against the Oakland Athletics.

Tampa Bay finished 96-66, one win shy of the franchise record set the 2008 pennant-winning team that lost to Philadelphia in the World Series. The Rays headed to Oakland for Wednesday's matchup against the A's (97-65).

Snell (6-8) allowed two runs and three hits in 2 1/3 innings.

Teoscar Hernández homered for the third straight game as the Blue Jays won for the ninth time in their final 13 games.

Breyvic Valera also homered for Toronto.

Clay Buchholz (2-5) allowed one run and four hits in five innings to win for the first time since Aug. 31 against Houston.

MARINERS 3, ATHLETICS 1

SEATTLE (AP) — Kyle Seager hit a two-run homer in the first inning, promising prospect Kyle Lewis added an RBI single and Seattle closed out the season with a win over playoff-bound Oakland.

Oakland finished 97-65 for the second straight year and rested most of its regular starters ahead of Wednesday night's AL wild-card game at home against Tampa Bay.

The A's had just three hits as Seattle used a variety of young arms to close out

the season. Justin Dunn was impressive in his two innings and Reggie McClain (1-1) got the victory. Anthony Bass pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

WHITE SOX 5, TIGERS 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Tim Anderson became the third Chicago player to win an American League batting title, finishing at .335 after going 0 for 2 in a season-ending win over Detroit.

Anderson joined Luke Appling (1936 and 1943) and Frank Thomas (1997) as batting champions for the White Sox.

Detroit skidded to a 47-114 mark from last year's 64-98 and wound up with the second-most losses in franchise history.

Chicago rallied with a four-run sixth inning. Yoán Moncada hit an RBI groundout, Eloy Jiménez followed with a run-scoring double against Spencer Turnbull (3-17) and Wellington Castillo hit a two-run homer off David McKay.

Jimmy Cordero (1-1) got two outs for his second big league win.

Miguel Cabrera and Ronny Rodríguez homered for Detroit.

ROYALS 5, TWINS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jorge Soler locked up the AL home run crown with his 48th homer, Brett Phillips drove a game-ending sacrifice fly in the ninth inning and Kansas City beat Minnesota in manager Ned Yost's final game.

Phillips' first career walk-off RBI gave Yost a celebratory send-off on the final day of the regular season. Yost finished 746-839 over 10 seasons leading Kansas City.

Soler connected in the first inning and broke a tie with Rafael Palmeiro for most home runs in a season by a Cuban-born player. The 27-year-old Soler's previous career high was 12.

Ian Kennedy (3-2) pitched a scoreless ninth before the Royals rallied against rookie Brusdar Graterol (1-1).

The AL Central-winning Twins scored three runs in the first on back-to-back home runs by C.J. Cron — a two-run shot — and Jake Cave. □

No record? Who cares? Warholm happy with 2nd straight title

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — There was no way Karsten Warholm of Norway would dare be disappointed. He cleared all 10 hurdles, beat all seven guys, won his second straight gold medal at world championships and remained undefeated in 2019 — a perfect 9 for 9.

That world record, however, remains unbroken, just as it has after every 400-meter hurdle race run since 1992, four years before Warholm was born.

In a race hyped as the one that might finally send that 27-year-old record tumbling, Warholm closed out Monday night's action by completing the loop in 47.42 seconds — .64 seconds off the mark still held by Kevin Young — to beat out two others who also had sub-47 times on their resume: Rai Benjamin of the United States and Abderrahman Samba, a Saudi-born hurdler who now competes for the host country of Qatar.

Warholm joined Edwin Moses, Felix Sanchez and Keron Clement as a back-to-back winner of the grueling event, yet still, he couldn't avoid the question of why that record still stands.

"To be honest, I don't care," Warholm said. "If I'd won



Karsten Warholm, of Norway, center, wins the gold medal in the men's 400m hurdles final at the World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar, Monday, Sept. 30, 2019.

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the gold medal in a minute, I'd be happy. I don't go out with the intention to break the world record. I go out to have fun and win the race."

In any other country, a hometown bronze medal the likes of which Samba won would've brought a cascade of cheers from the stands. But by the time the adopted Qatari had reeled in Kyrone McMaster of the Ivory Coast over the last 50 meters to win what could be the host's only medal of these championships, most of the diminutive crowd had already cleared out.

Then again, anyone expecting routine on Day 4 of

this track meet was in for a surprise.

The best sprint of the day may have very well come from the Swedish discus champion, Daniel Stahl, who burst out to the middle of the field after his final throw, then later traversed a hurdle or two down the backstretch while draping his country's flag behind him.

"I wanted to show people that big guys are not just heavy and strong. We can also run," Stahl said.

The second-best celebration came from the Ethiopian fans — one of the few contingents that has made it en masse to Doha, where plenty of good seats have

been available all week. Two full, flag-waving sections in the southeast corner of the stadium went crazy when Muktar Edris won the men's 5,000 for his second straight title.

Later, over in that same corner, 18-year-old high jumper Yaroslava Mahuchikh of Ukraine secured the silver medal and celebrated as though she'd won.

After she cleared 2.04 meters, she grabbed Ukraine's yellow and blue flag and started parading around the corner of the stadium, then put her sweats on to call it a night. Having already jumped a personal best, which was also an under-20 world record,

she didn't even bother going to the next height. That handed the win to Russian Mariya Lasitskene, who had cleared the same height in fewer tries to secure her country's second gold medal of the championships — although she is officially a neutral athlete because Russia is banned for doping.

"I was very happy to have silver," Mahuchikh explained. "I had a personal best. I'm young, and 2 meters and 6, it's maybe (something for) later."

There was guaranteed to be a new winner in the 800 meters with Caster Semenya sitting this one out over the controversial IAAF decision that would have required her to medically reduce her natural testosterone level in order to compete.

That the winner would not be American Ajeé Wilson — or pretty much anyone in the field other than Uganda's Halimah Nakaayi — came as quite a shock.

To everyone but Nakaayi, that is. "I expected it because it has been a long preparation," said Nakaayi, who hadn't finished better than third at any international meet this year and who didn't make it out of the semifinals at the 2017 worlds. □

Track coach Alberto Salazar gets 4-year doping ban

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

Track coach Alberto Salazar, who trained four-time Olympic champion Mo Farah and a number of other top runners, has been given a four-year ban in a case pursued by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

USADA said in a news release Monday that an arbitration panel decided on a four-year ban for Salazar and endocrinologist Jeffrey Brown for, among other violations, possessing and trafficking testosterone while working at the Nike Oregon Project (NOP), where they trained top runners.

Brown did consulting work for the NOP and was a personal physician for some of

the runners.

A four-year USADA investigation began after a BBC report that detailed some of Salazar's practices, which included infusions of a legal supplement called L-carnitine that is supposed to enhance athletic performance.

The BBC said marathoner Kara Goucher and a former NOP coach, Steve Magness, were among the witnesses who provided evidence for the case. USADA said it received information from 30 witnesses.

UK Athletics had done its own investigation into Salazar and given Farah, who runs for Britain, the OK to continue working with him. Farah parted ways with



In this Aug. 21, 2015, file photo, track coach Alberto Salazar watches a training session for the upcoming World Athletic Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing.

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Salazar in 2017, saying he wanted to move back

home. Salazar also coached 2012

Olympic silver medalist Galen Rupp. Salazar, Rupp and Farah have, in the past, strongly denied any wrongdoing.

USADA said it relied on more than 2,000 exhibits between the two cases and that proceedings included nearly 5,800 pages of transcripts.

"The athletes in these cases found the courage to speak out and ultimately exposed the truth," USADA CEO Travis Tygart said. "While acting in connection with the Nike Oregon Project, Mr. Salazar and Dr. Brown demonstrated that winning was more important than the health and wellbeing of the athletes they were sworn to protect." □

As attack drones multiply, Israeli firms develop defenses

YEHUD, Israel (AP) — Israel, one of the pioneers of drone warfare, is now on the front lines of an arms race to protect against attacks by the unmanned aircraft.

A host of Israeli companies have developed defense systems they say can detect or destroy incoming drones. But obstacles remain, particularly when operating in crowded urban airspaces.

"Fighting these systems is really hard ... not just because you need to detect them, but you also need to detect them everywhere and all the time," said Ulrike Franke, a policy fellow at the European Council of Foreign Relations.

Drones present unique challenges that set them apart from traditional airborne threats, such as missiles or warplanes.

They can fly below standard military radar systems and use GPS technology to execute pinpoint attacks on sensitive targets for a fraction of the price of a fighter jet. They can also be deployed in "swarms," which can trick or elude conventional defense systems. Even small off-the-shelf drones can be turned into weapons by rigging them with explosives or simply crashing them in crowded areas.

A series of drone strikes across the Middle East, including an attack on a Saudi oil field and processing plant that jolted international markets earlier this month, have underscored the devastating effectiveness of small unmanned attack aircraft.

The drone attack on Saudi energy infrastructure knocked out about half of the kingdom's oil supplies. Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi rebels claimed the attack, but the U.S. has blamed Iran itself, which is a leading developer of drone technology and is locked in a bitter rivalry with both Saudi Arabia and Israel.

Similar drone attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil industry by the Houthis a month earlier caused a "limited fire."

Elsewhere in the region, Israeli warplanes last month struck what Israel said was

"There is a lot of knowledge that was adapted from the area of unmanned aerial

from several kilometers away any threat that approaches," he said.

whether they pose a threat. He said the system has a range of several kilometers, but still has some limitations. If an operator is flying a commercial drone whose signal hasn't been previously collected, it won't be identified. The system would also struggle to identify sophisticated drones built by hostile governments, since those signatures are likely unknown.

Still, he said the system can track "the vast majority" of popular drones on the market.

He said the firm has conducted several successful tests with the New York Police Department and counts Israel's national police force and the Defense Ministry as customers. During this year's Eurovision song contest in Tel Aviv, he said police caught more than 20 operators who were flying drones in no-fly zones.

According to Israel's Economy Ministry, UAV exports topped \$4.6 billion between 2005 and 2013, around 10% of the country's defense exports.

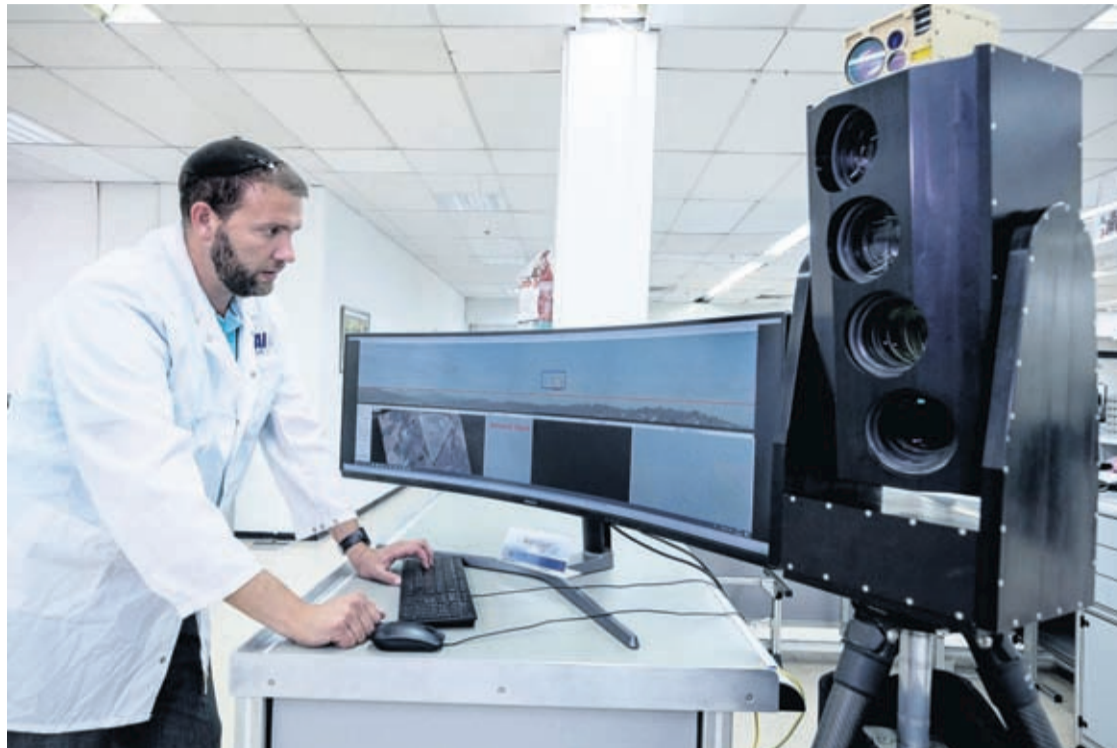
Over a dozen Israeli firms presented cutting-edge anti-drone technologies at London's DSEI exhibition this month, from defense heavyweights Elbit Systems, Raphael and Israel Aerospace Industries, to smaller start-ups like Vorpai. They are part of a booming global industry with competitors from the U.S., Europe, Singapore, and China.

Anti-drone defenses fall into several categories. Detection systems usually rely on either radio or optical technology to spot incoming drones.

Other systems can stop the aircraft with jammers that knock down aircraft by scrambling communications, kinetic systems that try to knock the craft out of the sky or systems that allow authorities to seize control of an aircraft.

But for now, none of these systems can provide full protection.

"It's a nasty target. It's a problem," said Turniansky. "It's going to be cat and mouse for a while." □



In this Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 photo, Ariel Gomez, a systems engineer at Israel Aerospace Industries, works on the Popstar system that can track and identify flying objects day or night without being detected, at Israel Aerospace Industries, in the Israeli town of Yehud near Tel Aviv.

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an Iranian-trained Hezbollah squad that was preparing to launch a group of drones toward Israel from Syria. A day later, Hezbollah said two Israeli drones crashed outside the group's offices in Beirut. Israeli media said the drone strike had destroyed valuable equipment used to make guided missiles.

Earlier this month, the Israeli military said an unmanned aircraft crossed into Israel from the Gaza Strip and dropped explosives on a military vehicle, causing minimal damage and no casualties. It was the second such attack from Gaza in the past year.

These threats are not confined to the battlefield. London's Gatwick Airport shut for parts of three days, stranding over 100,000 travelers ahead of Christmas last year, after drone sightings.

Israel has long been a dominant player in the military drone export business, developing small attack aircraft as well as long-range spy planes. Now, Israeli firms are at the forefront of a global industry developing means to protect against the drone threat.

vehicles, which is something that the military had to deal with for a long, long time," said Ben Nassi, a researcher at Israel's Ben Gurion University specializing in drone threats.

In a laboratory near Israel's main international airport, Israel Aerospace Industries offered a glance at its new optical detection system: a black cube resembling a souped-up subwoofer that it says can spot a standard commercial drone from several miles (kilometers) away.

The state-owned company says the Popstar system can track and identify flying objects day or night without being detected. Developers say the system, which has already been field tested by the Israeli military, can differentiate threats from standard civilian aircraft with an advanced algorithm.

"On a daily basis we see these small-scale threats, such as drones, that can tie up a whole airport and shut down the entire air traffic," said Ariel Gomez, a systems engineer at IAI who worked on the new drone detection platform.

"Our system can discern

Popstar focuses on protecting fixed, high-value targets like airports or energy infrastructure. Experts say it is much more difficult to use the technology in crowded urban environments, where heavy air traffic and high-rise buildings can create confusion and obstacles.

"Most of the industry is actually targeting the threats in a no-fly area," said Nassi. "When it comes to populated areas, law enforcement has much more difficulties to understand whether a drone is being used maliciously or not."

Israeli company Vorpai says it has found a partial solution to these challenges by developing a system that can detect and track virtually all commercial UAVs in urban airspaces.

Avner Turniansky, Vorpai's vice president of strategy, said the company has compiled a database of signals — what it calls the "signature" — emitted by 95% of drones on the market.

With these signatures, it says it can identify a drone — and locate its operator — within two seconds. Customers can track these aircraft and determine

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Forever 21 bankruptcy reflects teens' new shopping behavior

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For years, teens flocked to Forever 21's massive stores at the nation's malls for its speedy take on fashion, like its \$5 shimmering halter tops and \$25 dresses.

But the chain that helped popularize so-called fast fashion has moved too slow for a new generation of young customers.

The Los Angeles-based privately held chain filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Sunday, a victim of rapidly changing shopping tastes among teens who are increasingly turning away from malls and heading to trendy online sites.

They're also interested in buying eco-friendly fashions, like pants made from recycled plastic, not stuff they'll just throw away after a few uses. And they're gravitating toward online second sites where clothes can be used over and over again. In fact, the secondhand fashion business is projected to reach \$64 billion by 2028, nearly 1.5 times the size of fast fashion, according to a report by Global Data Retail.

The bankruptcy marks a dramatic fall for the retailer. Forever 21 was founded in 1984 and, along with other fast-fashion chains like H&M and Zara, rode a wave of popularity among young customers that took off in the mid-1990s. It even stole customers from tradi-

tional stalwarts like Abercrombie & Fitch and American Eagle.

Their popularity grew during the Great Recession, when shoppers sought fashion bargains. But Forever 21 went on an aggressive expansion just as shoppers were moving more online. Now, it's closing as many as 350 stores globally, including as many as 178 stores in the U.S. As of the bankruptcy filing, it operated about 800 stores globally, including more than 500 stores in the U.S. The company says it will still operate its e-commerce business, which accounts for 16% of total sales.

"The world has changed, and Forever 21 didn't change with it," said Stacey Widlitz, president of SW Retail Advisors. "And the walls closed in, in terms of the competition."

Widlitz and others noted that the chain was also dogged by the deteriorating quality of its clothing. Still, fast fashion isn't dead; it's just being reinvented. Swedish chain H&M, which has struggled to keep up with competitors, is showing signs of a comeback and is reinventing itself by offering more eco-friendly fashions. The chain, which once set the standard for speed by flying in frequent small batches, is also digitizing certain areas of its manufacturing process.

Primark, which is based in Ireland and owned by



Fashions are displayed in the window of a Forever 21 clothing store, Monday, Sept. 30, 2019, in New York.

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Associated British Foods, opened its first location in the U.S. in 2015. Now the fashion chain, which sells \$10 jeans and \$4 T-shirts, has nine locations in the U.S. and is faring well. It too is focusing more on the environment and announced last month a dramatic increase in its sustainable cotton program.

Sonia Lapinsky, a managing director in the retail practice at AlixPartners LLP, says a retailer's success isn't just about speed.

"They need to deliver the right products, the right story and be sustainable," she said.

Here are three big hurdles

for fast-fashion companies like Forever 21:

NEW ONLINE FAST-FASHION RIVALS

Over the last 10 years or so, a slew of online-only fashion retailers have popped up with names like Fashion Nova, Nasty Gal and Boo Hoo. For example, Boo Hoo says it drops more than 100 new products daily.

"These sites are curated better and they're fun," said Widlitz.

They also can afford to have lots of sales since they're not weighed down by physical stores. Each also dedicates a section on their website to their code of conduct regarding work-

ing conditions at factories and their environmental efforts. For example, online fashion site Asos says that this year, cashmere, mohair, feathers, down silk, bone horn and shell will be banned from its websites.

ECO-FRIENDLY CLOTHING

Young consumers are also looking at digital natives like Allbirds and Everlane that are not fast-fashion sites but offer fashion basics that are easy on the environment. That's forced many traditional retailers including fast-fashion chains to develop products that are made of recycled material or change their manufacturing process. □

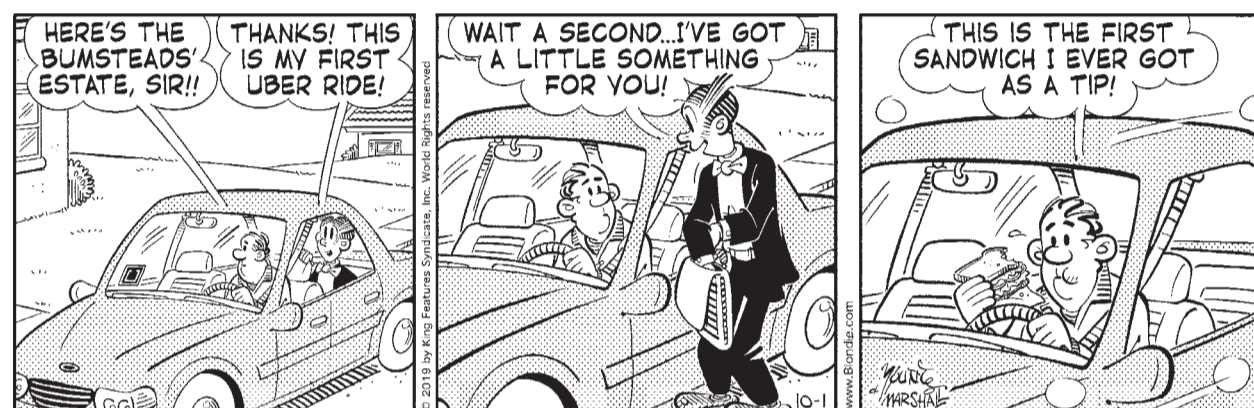
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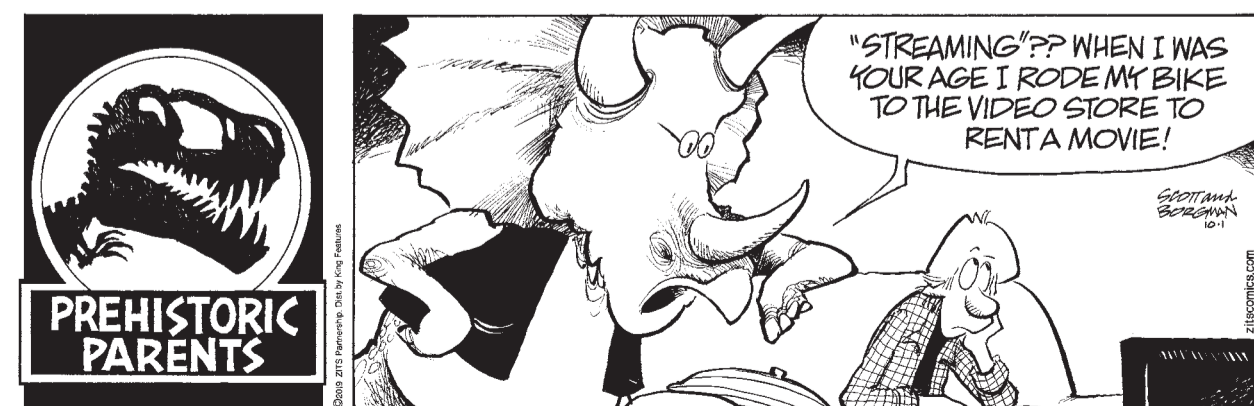
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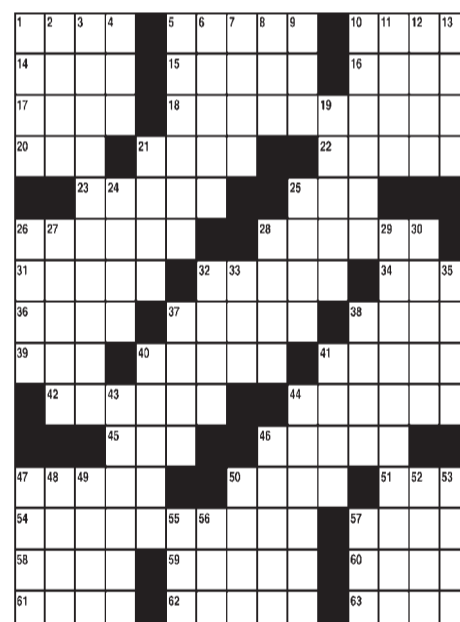
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 1 Water barrier
- 5 Wild Australian dog
- 10 Button alternative
- 14 "Abbey ___", Beatles album
- 15 Chili dog topper, for some
- 16 Vagabond
- 17 Possesses
- 18 Peach varieties
- 20 Dads
- 21 "___ springs eternal"
- 22 "___ by any other name..."
- 23 On the ball
- 25 ___ as a fiddle
- 26 Staircase pieces
- 28 Trees of lightweight wood
- 31 Boxer De La Hoya
- 32 BBQ attachments
- 34 Carry or drag
- 36 Homeless child
- 37 Window covering
- 38 Recipe verb
- 39 Took a load off
- 40 Stores away
- 41 Pebble
- 42 Young swan
- 44 In need of a haircut
- 45 Curved edge
- 46 Church steeple
- 47 "___ John B"; Beach Boys hit
- 50 Lowly laborer
- 51 Siesta time
- 54 ___ cherries
- 57 Actor Everett
- 58 ___ Bator, Mongolia
- 59 ___ whack; on the blink
- 60 ___ one's tongue; kept silent
- 61 "Buffalo ___", won't you come out tonight..."
- 62 Sorrowful drops
- 63 Infiltrates



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 6 Bungling
- 7 Pleasant
- 8 TV's "America's ___ Talent"
- 9 "Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof"
- 10 Articles of clothing
- 11 Forbidden thing
- 12 Lincoln's namesakes
- 13 Sit for an artist
- 19 Train tracks
- 21 Frau's hubby
- 24 Maple ___; symbol on Canada's flag
- 25 Destiny
- 26 Arguments
- 27 Esau & Jacob's dad
- 28 eBay offers
- 29 Everything considered
- 30 Taking to court
- 32 Injection
- 33 Boxer's foot
- 35 Western author Zane

- 48 Refrain
- 49 ___ surgeon; tooth puller
- 50 Bread for a gyro
- 52 Stroll
- 53 Probability
- 55 Portable bed
- 56 Color
- 57 Actor McBride

How risky is eating red meat? New papers provoke controversy

By CANDICE CHOI
NEW YORK (AP) — Eating red meat is linked to cancer and heart disease, but are the risks big enough to give up burgers and steak? A team of international researchers says probably not, contradicting established advice. In a series of papers published Monday, the researchers say the increased risks are small and uncertain and that cutting back likely wouldn't be worth it for people who enjoy meat.

Their conclusions were swiftly attacked by a group of prominent U.S. scientists who took the unusual step of trying to stop publication until their criticisms were addressed.

The new work does not say red meat and processed meats like hot dogs and bacon are healthy or that people should eat more of them. The reviews of past studies generally support the ties to cancer, heart disease and other bad health outcomes. But the authors say the evidence is weak, and that there's not much certainty meat is really the culprit, since other diet and lifestyle factors could be at play.

Most people who understand the magnitude of the risks would say "Thanks very much, but I'm going to keep eating my meat," said co-author Dr. Gordon Guyatt of McMaster University in Canada.

It's the latest example of how divisive nutrition research has become, with its uncertainties leaving the door open for conflicting advice. Critics say findings often aren't backed by strong evidence. Defenders counter that nutrition studies can rarely be conclusive because of the difficulty of measuring the effects of any single food, but that methods have improved.

"What we need to do is look at the weight of evidence — that's what courts of law use," said Dr. Walter Willett, a professor of nutrition at Harvard University who was



In this June 5, 2014, file photo, a man makes a submarine sandwich with mortadella, cooked salami, ham, Genoa salami and sweet capicola at a delicatessen in Massachusetts.

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among those calling for the papers' publication to be postponed.

Willett, who has led studies tying meat to bad health outcomes, also said the reviews do not consider the particularly pronounced benefits of switching from red meat to vegetarian op-

tions.

The journal, Annals of Internal Medicine, defended the work and said the request to have it pulled before publication is not how scientific discourse is supposed to happen. Guyatt called the attempt to halt publication "silly."

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Radar installed to better watch unstable Mont Blanc glacier

By COLLEEN BARRY and CHARLENE PELE

Associated Press

COURMAYEUR, Italy (AP) —

A radar system has been installed to better monitor a fast-moving glacier on the Italian side of the Mont Blanc massif that risks having a massive section break off into a tourist valley.

The radar system installed Thursday on the Planpincieux glacier provides constant data on movements of ice even at the sub-millimeter level. That compares with the satellite photo monitoring already in place, which requires clear skies and takes between six to 12 days to get comparative images.

The mayor of the Italian town of Courmayeur, Stevano Misericocchi, has closed a mountain road and blocked access to nearby areas due to the risk that a 250,000-cubic-meter mass of the glacier could collapse into the Val Ferret, a popular hiking area. Experts say the melting has been linked to climate change, which moved the freezing point this summer to above the top of Mont Blanc, western Europe's highest summit.

Scientists and officials sounded the alarm after the glacier saw ice movements of up to 50 centimeters (20 inches) a day were recorded, due to the creation of a deep fissure during higher-than-usual summer temperatures. The movement has slowed to 10 centimeters (4 inches) a day in recent days.

The glacier itself spreads 1,327 square kilometers (512 square miles) across the Grande Jorasses mountain in the Mont Blanc massif, which straddles Italy, France and Switzerland.

Climate change has con-



In this picture made available Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, the Planpincieux glacier, located in the Alps on the Grande Jorasses peak of the Mont Blanc massif, is seen from Val Ferret, a popular hiking area on the south side of the Mont Blanc, near Courmayeur, northern Italy, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019.

Associated Press

tributed to a decrease in glacial mass throughout the Alps. A new special report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change this week said that glacier melt is happening

faster than before and is accelerating.

The collapse of the unstable section of the Planpincieux glacier is not inevitable. But if it does fall all at once — the worst-case scenario —

it's projected to reach the valley road that has been closed, said Fabrizio Troilo, a glaciologist with the Safe Mountain Foundation, which has been monitoring the Planpincieux glacier

since 2012.

"We hope this big part of the glacier that is destabilized will fall down in smaller pieces," Troilo said, but added there was no way to forecast if it will happen as a single event or multiple smaller collapses. The mayor said it was also possible that no major break would happen, especially if the winter freeze arrives and stabilizes the glacier's movement.

Even though the road is opened up three times for residents, they are growing weary of the precaution.

"I'd say this thing needs to fall. We are waiting for it to fall and we hope it will happen as fast as possible in order to save us all and free us from all this hassle," said Marco Belfrond, owner of the Miravalle hotel in Planpincieux, who has watched the glacier recede over the last 40 years.

Belfrond said his hotel wasn't at risk, but that the road closure was limiting the arrival of guests. □

Cuba battles plague of giant snails



In this Aug. 28, 2019 photo, a rout of giant African snails gather in a corner in Havana, Cuba.

Associated Press

By ANDREA RODRIGUEZ

HAVANA (AP) — Silently and without pause, the gi-

ant African snail has been invading Cuba.

With their shiny, brilliantly striped shells and bodies up to 8 inches (20 centimeters) long, the snails have become public enemy No. 1 for epidemiologists and citizens have grown to fear their ability to transmit diseases and harm crops.

"I never heard of them before, but now they're everywhere," said Yusmila Marin, a 29-year-old nurse

who lives in a neighborhood rife with the mollusks, whose scientific name is *Achatina fulica*.

In recent months, Cuban authorities have activated the nationwide civil defense system to battle the snails. But some say the state's response is inadequate.

Marín and families in the Villa Panamericana neighborhood are keeping children indoors to play due to the danger of infection from the snails, which can transmit a potentially severe brain infection called meningoencephalitis and an abdominal disease known as angiostrongiliasis.

First detected in Cuba in 2014, the snail can now be found throughout Havana and in almost every one of the island's provinces. It's not known how the snail arrived in the nation.

It is also found in countries around the world, where it has had similar destructive

effects.

Health authorities have asked people to collect snails without touching them with their bare hands and then destroy them in sealed containers. But they still say it will take some time to get the infestation under control.

The snail has no natural predators in Cuba and eats fruits, vegetables and even garbage, allowing it to rapidly proliferate.

"It's a health problem, an economic problem and an ecological problem, said Isbel Díaz, a biologist who runs a non-governmental environmental group in Havana.

Díaz said many people were doing their best to help, but without proper training or equipment were not collecting or destroying the snails safely.

"It's a real challenge," he said. "No country has been able to control this plague and Cuba won't be able to in the short or mid-term." □

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Jessye Norman, international opera star, dead at 74

By MESFIN FEKADU

NEW YORK (AP) — Jessye Norman, the renowned international opera star whose passionate soprano voice won her four Grammy Awards, the National Medal of Arts and the Kennedy Center Honor, has died, according to family spokesperson Gwendolyn Quinn. She was 74.

A statement released to The Associated Press on Monday said Norman died at 7:54 a.m. EDT from septic shock and multi-organ failure secondary to complications of a spinal cord injury she suffered in 2015. She died at Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital in New York, and was surrounded by loved ones.

"We are so proud of Jessye's musical achievements and the inspiration that she provided to audiences around the world that will continue to be a source of joy. We are equally proud of her humanitarian endeavors addressing matters such as hunger, homelessness, youth development, and arts and culture education," the family statement read.

Funeral arrangements will be announced in the coming days.

Norman was a trailblazing performer, and one of the rare black singers to attain worldwide stardom in the opera world, performing at such revered houses like La Scala and the Metropolitan Opera, and singing title roles in works like "Carmen," "Aida" and more. She sang the works of Wagner, but was not limited to opera or classical music, performing songs by Duke Ellington and others as well.

"I have always been drawn to things other people might consider unusual. I'm always taken by the text and beautiful melody. It's not important to me who has written it. It's just more reasonable to have an open mind about what beauty is," Norman said in a 2002 interview with the Chicago Sun-Times. "It's important for classical musicians to stretch and think beyond the three B's (Bach, Beethoven and Brahms).



This July 4, 2010 file photo shows American opera singer Jessye Norman performing on the Stravinski Hall stage at the 44th Montreux Jazz Festival, in Montreux, Switzerland.

Associated Press

They were wonderful composers, but they went to the great beyond a long time ago. There's lots of music that will live for a very long time."

In that same interview she profoundly said, "Pigeonholing is only interesting to pigeons."

Norman certainly knew no boundaries or limits. She broke barriers and had hoped her industry would see more faces like hers.

"It is a more diverse place, thank goodness," Norman said of the opera world in a 2004 interview with NPR, "I wish it were even more diverse than it is."

Norman was born on September 15, 1945 in Augusta, Georgia, in segregationist times. She grew up singing in church and around a musical family that included pianists and singers. She earned a scholarship to the historically black college Howard University in Washington, D.C., to study music, and later studied at the Peabody Conservatory and the University of Michi-

gan.

Eventually she made her operatic debut in 1969 in Berlin, wowing audiences around the world on stages in Milan, London and New York thanks to her shining vocals, no matter the language. The New York Times described her voice as "a grand mansion of sound." "It defines an extraordinary space. It has enormous dimensions, reaching backward and upward. It opens onto unexpected vistas. It contains sunlit rooms, narrow passageways, cavernous falls," the Times' Edward Rothstein wrote.

The Met Opera called Norman "one of the great sopranos of the past half-century" in a statement.

"Starting with her Met debut as Cassandra in Berlioz's Les Troyens on Opening Night of the Met's centennial 1983-84 season, Norman sang more than 80 performances with the company, dazzling audiences with her beautiful tone, extraordinary power, and musical sensitivity," the statement

read.

Former Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams said: "Farewell to the beloved Jessye Norman, a woman of vision, adventure and joy. A glorious voice and beautiful soul has winged towards Heaven. Her legacy lives on in music and the children who greet art in her name each day." And Broadway legend Audra McDonald wrote on Twitter, "UGH! Nooooooo! This is awful. I was literally supposed to spend time with her next week. RIP most magnificent amazing brilliant Diva."

In 1997, at age 52, Norman became the youngest person ever to earn the Kennedy Center Honor in the organization's 20-year history at the time. She received her National Medal of Arts from former President Barack Obama and has earned honorary doctorates from a number of prestigious schools, including Juilliard, Harvard and Yale. She is a member of British Royal Academy of

Music and Georgia Music Hall of Fame. Norman even has orchid named after her in France, and the country also made her a Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters.

She's earned 15 Grammy nominations throughout her illustrious career, picking up her first at the 1985 show for best classical vocal soloist performance for "Ravel: Songs Of Maurice Ravel." She earned Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

Norman also gave back, raising funds to help students attend school, championing the arts in schools and championing diversity. "I look at symphony orchestras around this country and I want those orchestras to look more like the demographic they're meant to serve. I would like to see more African-Americans on the stage at the Metropolitan Opera here in New York. There are certainly some, but not nearly enough, and I come across so many singers who are terribly gifted and that would be an asset to these opera companies around our country. But we still have these people who are just a little bit hesitant, and perhaps not as open-hearted ... as I'd like them to be," she said. "I look forward to the day when we do not think about color of skin when we're looking to have a person do a job, whatever that job is."

The Jessye Norman School of the Arts opened in 2003 in Augusta to provide a free fine arts education to disadvantaged children. The Augusta Chronicle reported that Norman was set to attend the Oct. 11 street-naming ceremony in her hometown on Eighth Street, where the school is located. It will be named Jessye Norman Boulevard. In 1990, Augusta opened the Jessye Norman Amphitheater to honor the opera icon.

Norman released her memoir, "Stand Up Straight and Sing!," in 2004.

She is survived by two remaining siblings, James Norman and Elaine Sturkey. □



This Sept. 20, 2019 photo shows director Todd Phillips, left, and actor Joaquin Phoenix during a portrait session for the film "Joker," at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

Happy now? Everyone is talking about 'Joker'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There may be no such thing as bad publicity, but the spotlight on "Joker" is testing the limits of that old cliché.

The origin story about the classic Batman villain has inspired pieces both in defense of and against the movie. It's been hailed as the thing that's going to finally get Joaquin Phoenix an Oscar and also decried for being "dangerous," "irresponsible" and even "incel-friendly." Last week, some parents of victims of the 2012 Aurora movie theater shooting even wrote to the Warner Bros. CEO asking for support for anti-gun causes. The studio issued a statement in response saying that the film is not "an endorsement of real-world violence of any kind."

In his 80 years as part of the culture, the Joker has always had a way of getting under people's skin — whether it's because of who the character appeals to, what he represents or even the stories actors tell about how they got into character. But perhaps the biggest irony of all this time around is that for all the discourse and hand-wringing, the film has yet to even open in theaters. That doesn't happen until Thursday night.

It's made for a complicated release for the high-profile film, which got off to a triumphant start premiering at and then winning the top award from the Venice Film Festival. And while reviews are mostly positive, it's also been heavily scrutinized and put the filmmakers on the defensive. Director and co-writer Todd Phillips doesn't mind the discussion.

"I'll talk about it all day," he said. "I'm not shy about it." He just wishes people would see the movie before drawing conclusions. "It's a little troubling when people write think pieces without having seen it. And even in their think pieces write, 'I don't need to see it to know what it is.' I find

it astounding, to be quite frank, how easily the far left can sound like the far right when it suits their agenda," Phillips said. "To that point, I've been disappointed." The pre-emptive backlash is all the more baffling to Phillips because he hopes it inspires conversations: About guns, about violence and about the treatment of people with mental illness.

"Part of the reason we made the movie is a response to the comic book world of movies," Phillips said. "Like, 'Why is this celebrated? Why is this funny? Why is this fun? What are the real world implications of violence?'"

The film itself is a slow-burn character study of how a mentally-ill, middle-aged man named Arthur Fleck becomes the Joker. When the audience drops in on his life, he's working as a clown-for-hire, living with his mother in a run-down Gotham apartment and checking in occasionally with a social worker. He has a card that he gives to people to explain that his spontaneous and painful bursts of laughter are because of a medical condition. His only joy seems to be watching the talk show host Murray Franklin (Robert De Niro) in the evenings. "The truth is you see it and it's heartbreaking. And he's heartbreaking," Phillips said. "And you know what happens in the movies when you have a world that lacks empathy and lacks love? You get the villain you deserve."

It's a role that has often required actors to go to difficult places, and "Joker" has the added complication of being more realistic than most of the other depictions even though it's still set in a fictional world. To play Arthur and Joker, Phoenix researched a number of people that he's reluctant to even name.

"Some of the people I studied, I feel what they crave is attention and notoriety,"

he said. "I don't feel like they deserve any more of that."

He also underwent a drastic physical transformation, losing 52 pounds on an extremely calorie-restricted diet with the supervision of a doctor. He expected "feelings of dissatisfaction, hunger, a certain kind of vulnerability and a weakness." Instead, he found the emaciation led to a physical "fluidity" that he didn't quite anticipate.

The set was also fairly fluid in a way, and Phoenix said he and Phillips were constantly discovering new elements to Joker and Arthur.

"There seemed to be an infinite number of ways to interpret every moment or how he might behave in any moment. And there wasn't anything that didn't make sense. So we would do scenes so many different ways and some I would cry and others I would make jokes and others I would be angry and it would be the same scene and they all (expletive) made sense," he said.

It made the experience constantly "exciting" and "surprising," but portraying Arthur/Joker also proved to be "messy and uncomfortable" for the 44-year-old actor.

As for whether or not audiences will use the character as an inspiration or excuse to act out, Phoenix thinks that the onus is on the individual.

"I do think that the audience should be challenged and they should be able to know the difference between right and wrong. I don't think it's the filmmaker's responsibility to teach morality," Phoenix said. "If you don't know the difference between right and wrong, then there are all sorts of things that you are going to interpret in the way that you want."

Both he and Phillips make sure to stress that "Joker," which is rated R, is not a kids' movie. It also won't be for everyone. □

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Cambridge Analytica whistleblower has book out next week

NEW YORK (AP) — The whistleblower at Cambridge Analytica, the data-mining firm linked to using social media for targeted political ads, has a book deal. Christopher Wylie's "Mindf*ck: Cambridge Analytica and the Plot to Break America" will be published Oct. 8, Random House announced Monday. Wylie is a former

research director at Cambridge who alleged the company had illegally accessed data of millions of Facebook users that was used to support the election of Donald Trump. Cambridge was founded by such conservative power brokers as billionaire Robert Mercer and former White House aide Steve Bannon. □



This Sept. 28, 2019 file photo shows Wesley Snipes at the LA premiere of "Dolemite is My Name" in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Wesley Snipes says he's moving on from 'Blade' character

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The news that another actor was cast as vampire hunter Blade came as a surprise to Wesley Snipes, who portrayed the character in three successful films, but he says he's moving on. Marvel Studios announced at this summer's Comic-Con that the Oscar winner Mahershala Ali would play the comics character in its blockbuster cinematic uni-

verse. Snipes' last turn in the role was 2004's "Blade: Trinity." "People are very, very sneaky. They try to make it about the actors. And it's not about me and him," Snipes told The Associated Press in an interview. "Flattery — what do they say? Imitation is the best form of flattery. Yeah. So you know, it's something that he has acknowledged he wanted to do, and his fam-

ily wanted him to do it. So I'm appreciative of getting the love. And I've created something that others want to carry on, and maybe put their own stamp on it." Snipes, who trained in martial arts, is working on a different action-focused project. "So we did that (Blade). That's all great. But we got something else that we going to rock," Snipes said. □

Busbee, songwriter behind country and pop hits, dead at 43

By KRISTIN M. HALL
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Grammy-nominated songwriter-producer busbee, who co-wrote Maren Morris' breakout hit "My Church" and also crafted songs for Keith Urban, Lady Antebellum, Pink, Shakira and Florida Georgia Line, has died. He was 43. Warner Records confirmed his death in a statement released Sunday but offered no details on the cause of death. His real name was Michael James Ryan. In a statement, Warner Re-

records' co-chairman and CEO Aaron Bay-Schuck and co-chairman and COO Tom Corson called busbee "one of the best and brightest creative minds in music. busbee's kindness and legacy will never be forgotten and our hearts and prayers go out to his family at this very difficult time." Several singers mourned his death on social media. Blake Shelton said he and Gwen Stefani both considered busbee a friend, writing on Twitter that there was "too much pain and

unfairness period." Shakira tweeted that "an uncanny talent and unique soul has departed." Adam Lambert tweeted that busbee was "brilliant and warm, with palpable joy for his craft." He was a co-producer on Morris' debut album on Columbia called "Hero," which was nominated for best country album. At the 2017 Grammys, "My Church" won best country solo performance. The song was also nominated for best country song, a nomination Morris shared with busbee.



This Feb. 12, 2017 file photo shows songwriter and producer busbee at the 59th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

He also produced Carly Pearce's debut album on Big Machine called "Every Little Thing." He also helped write top country hits like

Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood's "The Fighter," Florida Georgia Line's multiplatinum hit "H.O.L.Y." and Pink's "Try." □

Does outsourcing affect our personal connection to food?

By **MELISSA RAYWORTH**
Associated Press

The growing options for outsourcing meal planning, grocery shopping and cooking can be called time-saving blessings or culture-destroying curses. In the end, they're probably a complicated mix of both. The positive spin goes something like this: Assuming you can afford it, you'll save precious time by clicking a few digital boxes and getting someone else to choose your vegetables and deliver your groceries. No time to plan a meal? An ever-expanding list of meal kit services including Blue Apron and HelloFresh will send you premeasured ingredients to whip up a variety of recipes — complete with step-by-step, photo-enhanced instructions. All that for around \$8 to \$10 per person.

No time to cook? Get a week's worth of frozen meals delivered courtesy of Home Chef, Freshly or a host of other local and national services: It's the modern version of a TV dinner, but it tastes better. And if hunger strikes and you need immediate gratification, you're no longer stuck ordering a pizza or a few containers of takeout Chinese: Uber Eats, DoorDash and GrubHub stand ready to deliver anything you crave.

But as people increasingly limit their involvement in meal prep, the question of how that affects our personal connection to food is debatable.

"As we exist at a greater distance from where these foods originated, we tend to forget — or now, perhaps not even learn — where things come from," says Jason Seacat, a professor of psychology at Western New England University, who studies the relationship between people and food. "This growing disconnect not only contributes to a loss for humans, but also for our natural world because greater disconnect often equals less concern for the natural environments that produce the food."

Dana White, an associate



This product display image released by HelloFresh shows ingredients offered from their home delivery meal kits.

Associated Press

professor and sports dietitian at Quinnipiac University, doesn't see the situation as black and white: "It depends on what the baseline was before."

If you're someone who never cooks and eats out at fast food places all the time, ordering groceries or meal kits could be a step in the right direction

But "if it's taking you away from the farmer's market and you stop putting the basil plant in your back-

chair of the department of anthropology at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, says food is both biological and cultural, and the approach to it needs to take both into account. "It fulfills biological needs but is imbued with meaning that makes it very cultural as well," Jenike says.

"So I could certainly see for some people that getting a meal kit allows them to focus on bonding and together time as they pre-

been spent driving to the grocery store and rushing through the aisles is instead spent purposefully simmering a sauce, a home cook could become more connected to their food. And if a meal kit includes everything premeasured down to the last half-teaspoon of chili powder, White says, people who find cooking intimidating might discover it's actually kind of fun.

But there are downsides. A growing number of young

and they have no idea how to feed themselves. They don't know how to grocery shop. They don't have basic cooking skills."

Jenike notices the same thing at his university: "One of the real problems with things like Uber Eats and eating out all the time and food delivery is that so many kids now grow up without the skills to prepare their own food."

A company called Starship Technologies has begun delivering takeout via A.I.-controlled robots on a few college campuses nationwide. No need to even say hi to a delivery guy, which may present problems of its own. If that isn't enough to concern you, try this: In his work studying what "comfort food" really is, Jordan Troisi has found that the psychological comfort we get from foods has to do with the social meaning we attach to it. We're comforted by spaghetti and meatballs not necessarily because of the tasty carbs, but because it's what our family always ate.

"Food is a physiological need for humans," Troisi says. "As a consequence, it gets attached to so many other needs that we have, including feelings of safety, feelings of connection, feeling a sense that in times of stress, things are going to be OK."

But what happens, he wonders, to a kid who doesn't grow up with any "family recipes" because the meal kits they were raised on changed every week?

Last year, HelloFresh began offering an entire Thanksgiving dinner in a box and they've followed up with other holiday boxes, including one for Mother's Day. Is this the end of family recipes, or is it possible that having the basics covered helps home cooks really focus on making a few family favorites from scratch as holiday side dishes?

Donna Talarico-Beerman and her husband Kevin tried ordering groceries. But with their hectic work schedules, produce would sit in the refrigerator instead of being used. □



In this Feb. 20, 2018, file photo shows the Uber Eats app on an iPhone in Chicago.

Associated Press

yard," White says, these services may do more harm than good. Mark Jenike, associate professor and

pare and consume a meal together. That could be a very appealing option." If an hour that would've

adults have no idea how to scramble an egg or cook rice. White often sees "students that come to college